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ABSTRACT

This document is an annotated bibliography of recommended print materials for English-speaking adults reading at the seventh grade level or below. (Sixty percent of the titles are at fifth grade level or below). The titles were selected for their broad appeal to the average adult new reader. In the selection, special consideration was given to materials in five subject areas identified by the Adult Performance Level (APL) Project as ones in which it is necessary for adults to be knowledgeable in order to function effectively (consumer economics, occupational knowledge, community resources, health, government and law). Attention was also paid to materials that teach the four basic skills identified by APL (communication skills, computation, problem solving, and skills in interpersonal relationships). Entries in the bibliography are arranged alphabetically by title within the following broad subject categories: skills (reading, writing, mathematics); knowledge (science; homemaking and consumerism; health, safety, and well-being; jobs; life in the United States; and other times/other places); leisure reading (stories of today; mystery, adventure, and romance; science fiction; hobbies, sports, and entertainment; fantastic facts and famous people; poetry, plays, and photography); and materials to aid the tutor in teaching reading to adults. Some titles concentrate on Ohio and Cleveland where the bibliography was compiled. (KC)

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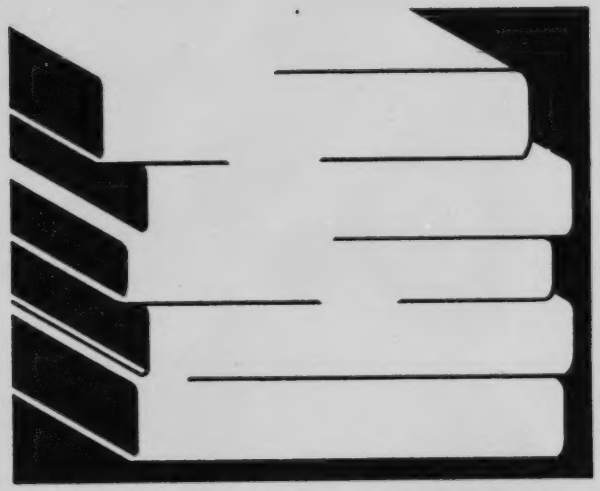

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PREFACE

Books for Adult New Readers is the result of a project conceived by representatives from:

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The Cleveland Area Metropolitan Library System - a multi-type library consortium

Merrick Settlement House - A community organization committed to adult basic education

These organizations determined that there was a scarcity of adult interest/low reading level books available in adult circulating collections in Cleveland area public libraries. A proposal was written to create a sample collection and annotated bibliography of such materials recommended for public library purchase. The Library Services Project was funded by the George Gund Foundation of Cleveland for the eighteen-month period from October 1, 1979, to April 1, 1981.

Other efforts of this project include workshops to introduce the recommended materials to librarians and educators, and a list of adult interest/low reading level holdings in Cleveland area public libraries.

Single copies of Books for Adult New Readers are available free to organizations concerned with improving adults' reading located in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and to those libraries outside the county which belong to the Cleveland Area Metropolitan Library System. Requests for bibliographies from other organizations and from individuals should be accompanied by $4.00 per copy to cover the cost of printing and handling. Write to Project: LEARN, 2238 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44115, or call (216) 621-9483 for copies of the bibliography or for more information about the Library Services Project. Criticisms of titles in the bibliography, suggestions of titles to consider for inclusion in a possible supplement, and any other comments from users of this bibliography would also be greatly appreciated.

The sample collection of recommended materials is housed at Project: LEARN and is open to visitors.

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INTRODUCTION

Books for Adult New Readers is an annotated bibliography of recommended print materials for English-speaking adults (18 years of age and over) reading at the seventh grade level or below. (Sixty percent of the titles are at fifth grade level or below.) The titles were selected for their broad appeal to the "average" adult new reader. Although some of the recommended materials may be useful for adult learners with special needs (such as deaf learners, foreign speaking adults, or developmentally disabled adults) materials specifically designed to meet such particular needs were not given priority for inclusion in this bibliography.

Some of the criteria used for selection were:

1. A reading level of no higher than seventh grade, using the Gunning Fog Readability Index,[1] which is based on sentence length and number of multi-syllabic words in a sample. (A few exceptions were made to allow the inclusion of some titles of special value that are slightly above the seventh grade level.)
2. Short paragraphs, short chapters, and book length that is not intimidating.
3. Uncrowded pages with plenty of white space.
4. Illustrations, cover, and format appealing to adults.
5. Print large enough and clear enough to be read easily but not so large as to resemble that used in pre-primers.
6. Formats suitable for public library circulating collections. (Because answers need not actually be written into them, workbooks were not excluded, but such items as crossword puzzle books, cut-and-paste books, and kits with many complicated pieces were not considered.)
7. Adult characters and situations in which adults might find themselves. Also information particularly useful in an adult's everyday life. (Most books with young adults as the main characters or involving school or teenage problems and activities were excluded from consideration.)
8. Materials able to be used by the new reader with a minimum of tutor assistance.
9. Unstereotyped characters and a positive, unbiased point of view.
10. Information pertinent to Cleveland and Ohio.
11. In fiction and non-fiction narrative: an uncomplicated plot with few subplots or digressions. A chronological presentation. A small cast of well-defined characters. Action. A minimum of description. Conversation.
12. In workbooks and other instructional materials: Clear explanations. Repetition of important information to aid in retention. Numerous examples. Plenty of opportunity to practice. Check-ups. Answers in the book or easy-to-use answer keys.
13. Reasonable price.

In the selection of non-fiction, special consideration was given to materials in five subject areas identified by the Adult Performance Level Project (APL) [2] as ones in which it is necessary for adults to be knowledgeable in order to function effectively:

Consumer economics
Occupational knowledge
Community resources
Health
Government and law

Close attention was also paid to materials that teach the four basic skills identified by APL:

Communications skills (including reading and writing)
Computation skills
Problem-solving skills
Skills in interpersonal relationships

In addition, it was felt that public libraries can play a key role in strengthening an adult new reader's interest and skills by making available an abundance of reading for enjoyment written at accessible levels. Thus, an effort was also made to find appropriate books for leisure reading.

In order to avoid duplication and maintain a balanced collection of materials which complement one another, each title was examined in light of all the other titles being considered.

Entries for materials recommended in this bibliography are arranged alphabetically by title within the following broad subject categories:

SKILLS

READING AND WRITING
Includes spelling, grammar, and practical applications of skills.

MATHEMATICS
Includes measurement, time, counting money, and accounting.

KNOWLEDGE

SCIENCE
Includes animals and the human body, but not health and medical care.

HOMEMAKING AND CONSUMERISM
Includes nutrition, cooking, budgeting, housing, and cars and driving.

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING
Includes mental health, child-raising, and interpersonal relationships.

JOBS
Includes job applications, interviews, and getting along on the job.

LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES
Includes history, government and law, social issues, and community services.

OTHER TIMES, OTHER PLACES
Includes world geography and Bible stories.

LEISURE READING

STORIES OF TODAY

MYSTERY, ADVENTURE, AND ROMANCE

SCIENCE FICTION, THE SUPERNATURAL, AND THE UNEXPLAINED

HOBBIES, SPORTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT
Includes biographies of persons in these fields.

FANTASTIC FACTS AND FAMOUS PEOPLE
Includes biographies not under "Hobbies, Sports, and Entertainment."

POETRY, PLAYS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

FOR THE TUTOR

Materials to aid in the teaching of reading to adults.

A key to understanding the individual title entries is on the following page.

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1. For a thorough explanation of the use of the Gunning Fog Index, see Robert S. Laubach and Kay Koschnick, Using Readability: Formulas for Easy Adult Materials (Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1977), pp. 12-25.

2. For a summary of the Adult Performance Level Project, conducted by the University of Texas at Austin with a grant from the Office of Education, see Norvel Northcutt, et. al., Adult Functional Competency: A Summary (Austin, TX: University of Texas at Austin, 1975).

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KEY TO THE TITLE ENTRIES

PLANNING AHEAD.[1]

Megan MacRae.[2] Patrick Press,[3] rev. ed.,[4] 1978.[5] 29 pp.[6] $2.50.[7]

Series:[8] Money Matters.

Components:[9] Teacher's guide, $.50.

When their first baby arrives, Jean and Michael learn to make adjustments in their budget and to think about future expenses. The story line holds interest, and the information on financial planning for the young family is solid. Questions after each chapter; answers in the back.[10] C[11]

1. Title. Occasionally a series is used as the entry if titles in the series are more advantageously considered as a whole.
2. Author.
3. Publisher, shortened. See "Addresses of Publishers" (p. 77) for complete information.
4. Edition.
5. Date of publication or copyright.
6. Last numbered page of book.
7. List price. Obtained from the most recent publisher's catalog received, this information is for comparison only. Current sources should be consulted for up-to-date prices.
8. Series, if not used as a title entry. See "Series Comments" (p. 80) for additional information.
9. Components available from the publisher, i.e., workbooks, teacher's guide, answer keys.
10. Comments.
11. Reading level, as determined by the Gunning Fog Index, rounded off to the nearest grade level:

    A corresponds to grades 0 - 3
    B corresponds to grade 4
    C corresponds to grade 5
    D corresponds to grade 6
    E corresponds to grade 7
    E+ corresponds to grade 8

BASIC EDUCATION: READING, Books One and Two. R. Lee Henney. Follett, 1977. 127, 199 pp. $3.09 ea. Components: Instructor's manual for each book, $6.06.	Two volumes, the first for students reading at fifth grade level or slightly below and the second for students reading above fifth grade level, designed to teach adults to read, write, and spell a functional vocabulary. The first lessons emphasize phonics, teaching one-syllable words by related word families. The remaining lessons teach sight words by means of stories and exercises. The reading selections progress in difficulty from 2nd through 8th grade level. The books can be used independently of one another and - after the first twenty lessons - with a minimum of tutor assistance. A good supplement to a program of reading instruction or a good refresher for the adult with rusty reading skills. The instructor's manuals are overpriced for the information they contain, but they do have the answers to the exercises, which a student working alone would need.	A-E
BASIC READING SKILLS. Aliyah Abdul-Karim. McGraw-Hill, 1979. 158 pp. $3.71. Series: Pre-GED Basic Skills.	Independent preparation for the final level of study leading toward the High School Equivalency Examination. Includes detailed explanations, numerous exercises, and pre- and post-tests as well as an "Answers and Analysis" section.	E+
BASIC WRITING SKILLS. Roger B. Goodman and William Ince. McGraw-Hill, 1979. 190 pp. $3.71. Series: Pre-GED Basic Skills.	Designed to prepare students for study for the new GED test, this book covers spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar and usage, sentence structure, diction and style, logic and organization, and vocabulary. Each section contains a pre-test, and a comprehensive post-test summarizes the book. All answers and the explanations for them are given.	E

BE A BETTER READER, Basic Skills Edition, Levels A - C. Nila Banton Smith. Prentice-Hall. 172, 172, 204 pp. $4.20 ea. Components: Teacher's guide, $3.60 each level.	Written to be used with children in grades four through eight, this series can also be useful for adults. Each level contains seven topical units of short stories and non-fiction selections followed by questions and suggestions for improving reading skills. The teacher's guides contain useful background and instructional information, as well as the answer keys. (The books at Levels D and E are at too high a reading level for this bibliography.)	D-E
BE INFORMED ON NEWS MEDIA. Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1976. 40 pp. $1.20. Series: Be Informed.	A brief look at newspapers, television, and radio as sources of information, including a section on advertising and sponsors. Exercises and answers are included.	E
BE INFORMED ON USING THE LIBRARY. Muriel Ringstad. New Readers Press, 1971. 41 pp. $1.20. Series: Be Informed.	An introduction to public libraries and their services, as well as brief explanations of the card catalog, Dewey Decimal System, periodicals, and reference books. Includes exercises and answers.	D
BUILDING WORD POWER. John C. Adams. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1975. 90 pp. $1.80.	Practice exercises in phonetic skills, which are introduced by word families and examples, and in structural word attack skills. Because of the format, this workbook is more useful for reinforcement than for initial instruction and is best used by the adult new reader with assistance. Ample review and reading practice is provided.	B
CHILLERS AND THRILLERS. Bernhardt J. Hurwood. Scholastic, 1974. 95 pp. $1.85. Series: Scope Skills Books.	Twenty-five horror stories written in the Cloze method. For the first few stories, the list of words to be filled into the blanks is given, but for the remaining stories, it is omitted. Cartoons and riddles of appeal more to the teenager than to the mature adult are scattered throughout, but the workbook provides good and entertaining practice in determining words from context for all ages.	C

CURSIVE WRITING, Levels One and Two.

Ann Arbor, 1977. 64, 48 pp. $4.00 ea.

These volumes teach manuscript and cursive equivalents, cursive letter discrimination, and the writing of cursive letters. The latter two skills are introduced on templates as well as on unstructured space. Only lower case letters are used. For the beginner in cursive writing. Printed on specially coated reusable paper. A

ETHNIC READING SERIES: BLACK AMERICANS.

Ida S. Meltzer. Book-Lab, 1980. 28 pp. ea. $6.75 for ten copies of indiv. title.

Each booklet contains a reading selection of several pages, written in either the Cloze method or with selected words underlined, followed by exercises designed to reinforce the vocabulary and increase understanding of the story. (A few of the exercises in each volume do not relate well to the story and can be ignored.) Answer keys are in the books. Individual titles are: E

Blacks in Early American History
Black History: Events in February
Frederick Douglass: Great Abolitionist
Harriet Tubman: Moses of Her People
Montgomery Bus Story
Phillis Wheatley: Young Poet
Robert Smalls: Brave Seaman
A School at Midnight

EVERYDAY ENGLISH.

Harley A. Smith and Ida Lee King Wilbert. Steck-Vaughn, 1974. 112 pp. $1.80.

Exercises in punctuation, grammar, capitalization, vocabulary, and letter writing, as well as in using the dictionary, being a good conversationalist, and courtesy and manners. The book is not arranged in any systematic way and is eclectic in content; it is not appropriate for the initial teaching of any of the skills it covers. It can, however, be used by the student independently (although there are no answers in the book), is good for review and reinforcement, and includes some topics not well covered in other books in this bibliography. C

EVERYDAY READING AND WRITING.

Frank C. Laubach, et. al. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1979. 272 pp. $5.50.

Components: Teacher's guide, $2.50.

Introduces the reader to reading, writing, and communications skills important for the understanding and use of signs, instructions, personal and business letters, personal and business papers, newspapers, magazines, the telephone, dictionaries and other reference books, and the library. Eight of the chapters are available separately. (See Reading for Living, p. 9.) The excellent teacher's guide can also be used with these individual booklets. E

FILLING OUT FORMS.

Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1979. 47 pp. $1.50.

Series: Practical Communications Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide, $.50; skills practices, $.75.

This attractive and well laid out text emphasizes the importance of the ability to complete forms and teaches the skill using a large variety of sample forms. D

FOCUS ON PHONICS, Books 1, 2a, and 2b.

Gail V. Rice. New Readers Press, 1976-1980. Book 1, $1.75; Book 2a, $2.00; Book 2b, $3.00.

Components: Teacher's editions: Book 1, $2.50; Book 2a, $3.50; Book 2b, $4.25.

Although designed to supplement Skill Books 1 and 2 of the New Streamlined English series (p. 8), these phonics workbooks are also good teaching tools, with some modifications by the tutor, used alone. They are well designed and the teacher's manuals are very thorough. Book 1 covers the sounds and names of the letters, Book 2a short vowel sounds, and Book 2b consonant blends. They cannot be used by the student independently. A

GATEWAYS TO CORRECT SPELLING.

Fred C. Ayer. Steck-Vaughn, 1974. 166 pp. $2.40.

The first section of this workbook introduces 720 commonly misspelled words. Skills covered in the second section include syllabication, pronunciation, using the dictionary, proofreading, abbreviation, and spelling troublesome words. Answers are in the teacher's edition. This book, which is as much a vocabulary builder as it is a speller, is for the advanced student. E

GRADED EXERCISES IN ENGLISH. Robert J. Dixson. Regents, 3rd ed., 1971. $2.50. Components: Answer key, $1.00.	Originally intended for students of English as a foreign language, but revised in this edition to be a complete grammar text, this is an excellent handbook and review tool. Each rule is presented with examples and followed by exercises. Some of the grammatical terms will be difficult for the new reader.	D
HANDBOOK OF AMERICAN IDIOMS AND IDIOMATIC USAGE. Harold C. Whitford and Robert J. Dixson. Regents, rev. ed., 1973. 188 pp. $3.50.	A dictionary of 5,000 common idiomatic words and phrases. Although intended for students of English as a second language, it is useful for any adult whose limited experience with language or the written word has left him unfamiliar with many idiomatic expressions.	E
IMPROVING YOUR HANDWRITING. Rebecca Mae Townsend. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 64 pp. $1.77.	An excellent workbook for the adult who already knows cursive script but wishes to improve her skill.	D
INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH. Angelica W. Cass., ed. Cambridge, rev. ed., 1979. 245 pp. $3.80. Series: Cambridge PreGED Program.	This workbook provides preliminary study toward the High School Equivalency Examination in writing skills with clear explanations, numerous examples, plenty of opportunity to practice and reinforce skills, and evaluation through questions and answers. Well arranged, clearly written, and relevant to the new GED examination, it is also useful for the individual wishing simply to improve her grammar, vocabulary, and writing.	E
INTRODUCTION TO READING. Angelica W. Cass, ed. Cambridge, rev. ed., 1978. 245 pp. $3.80. Series: Cambridge PreGED Program.	Designed for initial study to prepare for the High School Equivalency Examination in the interpretation of reading materials in social studies, natural sciences, and literature, this workbook is also appropriate for the individual seeking improvement in comprehension skills in various subject fields and formats. Reading selections followed by multiple choice questions and an answer key which includes explanations are included.	E

IT'S ON THE MAP. Patricia Kelly Waelder. New Readers Press, 1978. 64 pp. $1.75. Series: Practice in Survival Reading.	After an introduction which outlines basic map skills, twenty-five sample pages of many types of maps with questions about them are presented. Good for review and reinforcement; not as useful for initial instruction. A list of important words and an answer key are appended. Information for the tutor is included.	E
LABEL TALK. Calvin Greatsinger. New Readers Press, 1977. 64 pp. $1.75. Series: Practice in Survival Reading.	Practice exercises in reading labels of description, instruction, and warning from 25 consumer products. A word list and answer key are appended.	C
LET'S LOOK IT UP. Patricia Kelly Waelder. New Readers Press, 1977. 62 pp. $1.75. Series: Practice in Survival Reading.	Illustrated exercises using reference materials found in everyday life, including a retail catalog, the telephone book, a bus schedule, a book index, various types of graphs, a calendar, and a dictionary. Excellent for practice; not as useful for initial instruction. A word list and answer key are included.	D
MACHINE-AGE RIDDLES. Calvin Greatsinger. New Readers Press, 1975. 16 pp. $.80. Series: Practice in Survival Reading.	Outline drawings of objects encountered in daily life, often with parts missing to obscure their identity but with printed labels clearly visible. The adult reader must apply her perceptual and reading skills to identify such things as a parking meter, a bottle of glue, and an ice machine.	A up
MANUSCRIPT WRITING, Levels One and Two. Ann Arbor, 1978. 78, 72 pp. $4.00 ea.	Using manuscript letters as models, this workbook requires the user first to select the matching manuscript letter from among three different correctly formed letters, then to select the correctly formed letter from three formations of the same letter, and finally to trace and copy manuscript letters. Only lower case letters are introduced. For the adult who needs the most basic introduction to this skill.	A

NEW KALEIDOSCOPE READERS.

Henry A. Bamman, et. al.
Addison-Wesley, rev. ed., 1978.
137-154 pp. $4.14. ea.

Components: Teacher's edition for each title, $4.53.

A reading series which contains progressively difficult reading selections followed by sequentially developed lessons and exercises in word attack, vocabulary, comprehension, and study skills. Each title contains a glossary and appendix of general rules for reading. Very interesting stories, poems, and non-fiction articles in attractive and nicely illustrated books. The teacher's editions suggest lesson plans and activities and provide answers to the questions as well as charts to show which reading skills are taught in which units. The series is designed for teenagers, and some of the selections are directed at them, but it is not overwhelming in its young adult orientation. Titles in the series which have been included in this bibliography (those that are not too difficult) are, in order of reading level:

B-E

One Thing at Once
Two Blades of Grass
Three O'Clock Courage
Four Corners of the Sky
Five Words Long

NEW PRACTICE READERS.
Books C - F.

Donald Anderson, et. al.
McGraw-Hill, 2nd ed., 1978.
186 pp. ea. Books C-E, $3.63;
Book F, $3.93.

Each book contains short non-fiction selections preceded by "Getting Ready to Read" exercises and followed by "Testing Yourself" questions, all on two facing pages. Although the series is not intended for adults, the format and content of Books C - F is simple and inviting without being insulting to the adult new reader. (Books A and B were judged too juvenile in appearance, and Book G too difficult for the intended audience of this bibliography.) Answers are only in the teacher's manual.

C-E

NEW STREAMLINED ENGLISH, Skill Books 1 - 5. Frank C. Laubach, et. al. New Readers Press, 1969-77. SB 1, $1.80; SB 2, $2.00; SB 3, $2.90; SB 4, $2.60; SB 5, $2.60. Components: Teacher's manuals: SB 1 - 3, $3.75; SB 4, $2.50; SB 5, $2.50. Correlated readers: SB 1, $.75; SB 2, $.75; SB 3, $1.00; SB 4, $1.00; SB 5, $1.95. Checkups, $.30 ea. Skill Book.	The basic reading and writing program, designed to take adult students from zero reading ability to fifth grade level, developed and used by the National Affiliation for Literacy Advance. It is one of the most respected systems for use in one-on-one tutoring situations and is excellent for the beginning tutor because of the completeness and detail of the teacher's manuals. Components of the series are five workbooks, comprehensive teacher's manuals, five correlated readers, checkups, and additional materials for reinforcement. All components listed at the left are necessary for completion of the program but may be purchased separately as the student progresses from level to level.	A-D
PHOTOCABULARY. Oddo, 1969. 190 pp. $1.99.	Names of common objects are taught through stories, exercises, and over 300 black-and-white photographs. The names of the objects are written, printed in lower and upper case, and used in sentences. Parts of the book can be used very well with students reading at Level A.	A-C
PROGRAMMED SPELLING DEMONS. George W. Feinstein. Prentice-Hall, 1973. 220 pp. $6.00. Components: Teacher's guide free with ten copies.	Designed for "the average to above average high school student," this easy-to-use manual is also excellent for the advanced adult education student who wishes to learn independently. Included is practice with words commonly confused, apostrophes, the final silent "e", doubling the final consonant, and other troublemakers. Humorous examples and spelling gimmicks add interest.	E
READ CARD PROGRAM. Instructional Communications Technology, n.d. Recommended components: Six sets of READ cards (Hi-R 1-10 through Hi-A 1-10), $5.25 ea.; Vu-Mate, $13.20; Teacher's Guide for READ Card Program, $1.75.	Using the sets of cards and the Vu-Mate hand-held tachistoscope, a student can acquire a basic sight vocabulary relevant to his age and life experience. Each card introduces new words, provides a short reading selection, and allows the student to test his ability to recognize words rapidly through the use of the mechanically operated tachistoscope, which exposes each word for 1/25th of a second. Also available is a set of blank cards ($5.25) on which a tutor can print or type words for use in the Vu-Mate.	A-B

READ THE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST.

Calvin Greatsinger. New Readers Press, 1976. 62 pp. $1.75.

Series: Practice in Survival Reading.

Practice exercises in understanding a variety of instructions, among them those for operating a copy machine, using a laundromat, baking a cake from a mix, paying a utility bill, and applying for unemployment insurance. A word list and answer key are appended. D

READING COMPETENCE.

Sherry Royce and Irene M. Reiter. Cambridge, 1977. 186 pp. $3.90.

Series: Reading for Survival.

Components: Answer key, $.90.

A worktext which combines the teaching of reading skills with the teaching of survival skills, this book covers subject matter which is practical and essential for adults. An index of reading skills and one of coping skills add to the usefulness of this title, but it is one which is more beneficially used with the assistance of a tutor than by the student alone. D

READING EFFICIENCY.

Nathaniel Shapiro. Scholastic, 1979. 95 pp. $1.85.

Series: Scope Skills Books.

Written to improve reading comprehension through the strengthening of such skills as focusing, flexibility, and skimming and by the breaking of bad reading habits, this worktext can be enjoyed by the more advanced adult new reader. No answers are given in the book however. E

READING FOR LIVING.

Frank C. Laubach, et. al. New Readers Press, 1971-76 rev. 19-32 pp. $5.00/set of 8 titles; $.75 ea.

Eight chapters from Everyday Reading and Writing, reviewed on page 4, reprinted in pamphlet form. Titles are: E

How to Read and Write Business Letters
How to Read and Write Personal Letters
How to Read Maps
How to Read Signs
How to Use the Dictionary and Other Reference Books
How to Use Telephones
Instructions on Safety

READING IMPROVEMENT.

Barbara Burke and Irene M. Reiter. Cambridge, 1977. 184 pp. $3.90.

Series: Reading for Survival.

Components: Answer key, $.90.

Life coping skills are used as a vehicle for the teaching of more advanced reading skills than those presented in Reading Competence (p. 9). Like that title, this one includes reading skills and survival skills indexes. E

SCHOLASTIC DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN ENGLISH.

Scholastic, 1966. 864 pp.

In spite of its unfortunately psychedelic cover, this inexpensive and compact dictionary is a good basic, and affordable, tool for a library literacy collection and for the new reader. After an extensive introductory section on word meaning, pronunciation, spelling, usage, word histories, and dictionary usage, 17,000 words are defined and pronounced. A revised edition, adding words that have become common in the language since 1966, would be welcome. This dictionary was originally published as the Basic Dictionary of American English by Holt, Rinehart, Winston. E

SIGNS, Books 1 - 3.

Sol Gordon. New Readers Press, 1971. 30 pp. ea. $4.00/set.

Components: Teacher's guide (rev. 1977) incl.

Signs, More Signs, and Signs of Our Times are the titles of the individual volumes in this set of books of photographs of signs of many types. Meant to introduce the learner to words and experiences in reading before formal instruction, the books are also useful as reinforcement and discussion-starters. A

SIGNS AROUND TOWN.

Calvin Greatsinger. New Readers Press, 1976. 62 pp. $1.75.

Series: Practice in Survival Reading.

A good basic text for new readers. Twenty-five signs are pictured, with questions about content and interpretation accompanying them. Includes answers and a vocabulary list. D

SKILLS FOR UNDERSTANDING MAPS AND GLOBES. Kenneth Job and Lois Weiser Wolf. Follett, 1976. 96 pp. $2.52. Components: Teacher's edition, $3.72.	A thorough introduction to the use of maps and globes of all kinds, this text contains numerous exercises to aid in the comprehension of the material. Answers are, unfortunately, only in the teacher's edition, which contains little other useful information.	E
SPELLING STEPS, Parts 1 - 3. Mildred Hart Bailey. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 80, 112, 144 pp. $1.59 ea.	A three-book series that does not assume a high reading level of its user. Part 1 begins with the basics: writing practice, matching letters, and consonant sounds. Each step builds logically from the preceding one so the learner can use this series more or less independently. The words used in the lessons are those necessary in daily living, and the answers for the exercises on each page are given on the following page.	C
STECK-VAUGHN ADULT READING, Levels 1 (7 books) and 2 (8 books). Sam V. Dauzat, et. al. Steck-Vaughn, 1977-78. $1.80 ea. book. Components: Teacher's guide for series, $1.80; learner profile chart, $5.00/24.	Fifteen workbooks sequentially arranged to bring the adult working with an instructor from 0 to 8th grade reading level. Although the progression of the books in terms of reading difficulty is not always even, a tutor can compensate for difficulties this might cause for the student. The teacher's manual is comprehensive but not as detailed or easy to use as the manuals for the New Streamlined English series (p. 8). The format is adult and inviting.	A-E+
STUDY SKILLS FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL, Books A - C. Donald L. Barnes and Arlene Burgdorf. Allyn and Bacon, 1979. $2.97 ea. Components: Teacher's editions, $3.30.	Three workbooks designed to teach efficient ways to find, organize, and evaluate information. Basic skills for using the library, dictionary, encyclopedia, and other reference tools are covered as well as skills for the interpretation of maps, charts, and graphs. Each book covers the same information but on a different level; Book A assumes very few skills and begins with alphabetizing letter by letter. Although written for children, the books are appropriate for adults. Answers in teacher's editions.	D-E

TEACH YOURSELF ENGLISH. William L. Young. Barron's, 1968. 127 pp. $2.95.	A programmed workbook in grammar and punctuation for the advanced student. The book includes practice exercises, thorough explanations, rules to remember, and check-ups.	E
TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 1: SOUND OUT. Patricia Ann Benner. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 59 pp. $1.95. Components: Teacher's edition, $2.13.	A thorough review of consonant sounds - including beginning sounds, ending sounds, diagraphs, and the two sounds for "c" and "g" - by means of exercises, pre-tests, and review tests. Answers are in the teacher's edition. (The student working at Level A would need a fair amount of tutor assistance with this workbook.) This is the first in a series designed to assist in various areas of difficulty encountered by a student learning to read. Designed for children but not inappropriate for adults.	A-B
TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 2: SOUND OFF. Patricia Ann Benner. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 60 pp. $1.95. Components: Teacher's edition, $2.13.	Although the introduction to this book erroneously claims that it "will teach you how to pronounce consonants correctly," the book is a series of reinforcement exercises on vowel sounds: long, short, combinations, silent, and with the letter "r". Pre-tests and review tests allow students to pace themselves. Answers are in the teacher's edition.	C
TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 3: SPELLING ACTION. Patricia Ann Benner. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 60 pp. $1.95. Components: Teacher's edition, $2.13.	As in Book 2, the introduction claims that this workbook teaches the pronunciation of consonants; it is, rather, a set of exercises, pre-tests, and review tests designed to teach key spelling rules, homophones, plurals of nouns, and the correct spellings of some confused or troublesome words. Good practice for the student who has cracked the basic phonetic code but still needs to improve his spelling of common words. Answers in the teacher's edition.	D
TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 4: WORD ATTACK. Patricia Ann Benner and Virginia L. Law. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 60 pp. $1.95. Components: Teacher's edition, $2.13.	Exercises that introduce the student to methods for deciphering longer words and building vocabulary: base words, syllabication, word building, and prefixes and suffixes. Interesting and comprehensive. Pre- and post-tests scattered throughout. Answers in the teacher's edition.	D

TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 5: WORD MASTERY. Patricia Ann Benner and Virginia L. Law. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 58 pp. $1.95. Components: Teacher's edition, $2.13.	Designed to teach methods of vocabulary improvement and increase ability to use words effectively, this workbook includes sections on dictionary use, determining word meanings in context, synonyms, and recognizing word sets. In the same format as other titles in this series. Answers only in teacher's edition.	E
TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 6: SENTENCE STRENGTH. Patricia Ann Benner. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 57 pp. $1.95. Components: Teacher's edition, $2.13.	Practice exercises in identifying subjects and predicates (both action and non-action) and in recognizing whole sentences and fragments. An ample number of review tests are included. Answers only in the teacher's edition.	D
TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 7: PUNCTUATION POWER. Patricia Ann Benner. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 54 pp. $1.95. Components: Teacher's edition, $2.13.	The principles of end punctuation, commas, quotation marks, and apostrophes are taught and reinforced in exercises, pre-tests and review tests. Answers in the teacher's edition.	D-E
TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 8: ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT. Patricia Ann Benner and Virginia L. Law. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 60 pp. $1.95. Components: Teacher's edition, $2.13.	In the same format as the other titles in this series, Book 8 reviews pronouns, tenses of regular and irregular verbs, and the construction of paragraphs. It also introduces the correct methods of writing letters and filling out a variety of forms. (The examples and situations used are pertinent to teenagers rather than to adults.)	E

USING THE TELEPHONE. Cheri Cook. New Readers Press, 1978. 48 pp. $1.75. Series: Practical Communications Skills. Components: Teacher's guide, $.50; skills practice $.75.	Information on using the telephone book, making long distance calls, having a phone installed, understanding bills, and sending telegrams. Exercises are in the skills practice booklet.	C
VISUAL VOCABULARY SKILLS. Gallaudet College, 1979. 13 pp. ea. $1.00 ea. Components: Suggested answers free with each booklet.	A set of six workbooks each containing uncaptioned black-and-white photographs of common objects. A separate sheet provides suggested answers, allowing flexibility to adapt to regional differences in the names of objects and differences in individuals' perceptions. Intended to develop vocabulary skills in deaf adults, the workbooks are equally useful tools for other adult learners. The individual titles are: People, Places, Recreation, Rooms, Tools and Appliances, and Vehicles.	A
VOCABULARY IMPROVEMENT. Sharon L. Belshae and Michael E. Goodman. Scholastic, 1980. 80 pp. $1.85. Series: Scope Skills Books.	A workbook which teaches vocabulary building skills using reading materials found in everyday life. Attractively illustrated and laid out. No answers are in the book, but a glossary of all the vocabulary words necessary to answer the questions is included.	E
WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY OF THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE, Basic School Edition. David B. Guralnik, ed. Prentice-Hall, 1979. 880 pp. $7.95.	This dictionary is intended for upper elementary and junior high school students but is not juvenile in appearance. Over 50,000 entries in readable type are illustrated with more than 1,600 drawings and photographs in an attractive arrangement. A simplified pronunciation key highlighted on every page and a guide to using the dictionary are two of the features which make this a particularly useful dictionary for the adult new reader.	B-E+

WORLD OF VOCABULARY, Books A and 1 - 4. Sidney J. Rauch and Zacharie J. Clements. Globe, 1975-1979. $3.80 ea. Components: Teacher's guide for each text free upon request.	Despite the references to "teacher" and "extra credit," these are excellent workbooks which introduce in each lesson ten vocabulary words boxed in color in a non-fiction story. Each passage is then followed by exercises to reinforce retention of the words. A mini-dictionary is at the end of each volume. Instructions and exercises are at a higher reading level than the reading selections in the earlier volumes. The books are attractive and non-threatening in appearance.	C-E
WRITE AND READ, Books DA, EA, and FA. John Dawkins. McGraw-Hill, 1981. 108, 124, 122 pp. $3.95 ea. Components: Teacher's guide for series, $2.50; tests, $6.50 for each book.	This set is designed to help the student write and punctuate sentences, understand subject/verb agreement, and construct paragraphs. Book DA assumes little prior understanding of grammer, mechanics, or usage. Each volume can be used independently of the others. The format is no-nonsense but attractive; rules are clearly stated and highlighted; there are plenty of examples and practice exercises; and answers are in the books. (Answers to the tests, which are not an essential component, are in the teacher's guide).	C-E
WRITING TO OTHERS Cheri Cook. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1978. 48 pp. $1.50. Series: Practical Communications Skills. Components: Teacher's guide, $.50; skills practice, $.75.	A practical guide to personal correspondence and announcements, including notes and messages, different types of letters, invitations, resumes, and want ads.	E
YOUR DAILY PAPER. Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1977. 63 pp. $1.75. Series: Practice in Survival Reading.	Practice in reading the newspaper, with reproductions of newspaper pages and pertinent questions about these samples. Includes skills needed to scan headlines, use the index, understand editorial cartoons, read sports scores and standings, and decipher the TV schedule.	E

MATHEMATICS

ARITHMETIC SKILLS WORKBOOK.

Calman Goozner. Amsco, 1973. 358 pp. $3.95.

Components: Answer key, $.60.

Written as a complete one-year course for the student who has experienced difficulty in learning arithmetic, this large volume is also an excellent handbook for reference and review. The first half of the book covers the fundamentals of arithmetic, including fractions, decimals, percents and word problems. The second half covers practical applications of these fundamentals in such areas as measurement, personal finances, and graphs. The metric system and the use of arithmetic techniques to solve simple algebraic equations are also presented. Examples, sample solutions, visual techniques, numerous exercises, and an index add to the usefulness of this comprehensive tool. E

BASIC ESSENTIALS OF MATHEMATICS. Parts 1 and 2.

James T. Shea. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1980. 96pp. ea. $1.95 ea.

Components: Answer keys, $2.25 ea. volume.

Part 1 covers addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers and common and decimal fractions. Part 2 includes percentages, measurement, ratio and proportion, and simple algebra. Although the reading level of the instructions is high - and many students will need tutor assistance in using these books - the explanations are clear, and there are plenty of practice exercises. A good teaching and review manual. (See also Working with Numbers: Refresher Book (p. 19); the two titles are almost identical in content, this one simply having more practice exercises.) E+

BASIC MATHEMATICS SKILLS.

Carol S. Scheer and Martine Rongier Wiznitzer. McGraw Hill, 1979. 252 pp. $3.71

Series: Pre-GED Basic Skills.

Useful for intensive review of the basic arithmetic facts and skills and for initial preparation for the new G.E.D. examination. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers and fractions (but not of decimals and percents) and measurement are emphasized; signed numbers, algebra, and graphs are introduced. The book is designed for self-instruction, and answers are at the end of each section, but some students will need assistance in spite of the low reading level. C

BE INFORMED ON USING MEASUREMENTS.

Ellie Hubbard. New Readers Press, 1970. 40 pp. $1.20.

Series: Be Informed Series.

Includes chapters on time, distance, weight, liquid and dry measure, temperature, and the metric system. This is not a "how-to measure" workbook; rather, it defines measurement. Exercises and answers are appended. D

COMPUTATION WORKSHOP. Harry Schor and Alan Ginsberg. Globe, 1977. 213 pp. $4.48	Each section begins with a pretest which is then followed by an explanation of the skill or concept under discussion, practice pages, and a check-up. Presents all the basic arithmetic skills as well as some additional material, such as using an electronic calculator, not covered in other titles in this bibliography. Answer key and mini-dictionary included. Most useful for review or as supplementary practice.	E
EXPLORING METRICS. Frank D. Mark. Globe, 1976. 90 pp. $3.20 Components: Teacher's edition, $4.00.	A text/workbook exclusively in the metric system, with numerous drawings and activities relating to everyday life. Although the book can be used independently by the adult learner, as it is written at a low reading level and is easy to follow, the answers are only in the teacher's edition, making this a rather expensive package.	B
FIGURE IT OUT. Books 1 and 2. Mary C. Wallace. Follett, 2nd ed., 1971. 64, 80 pp. $1.56 ea. Components: Teacher's edition for each book, $5.43 ea.	Book 1 teaches the four basic arithmetic skills using whole numbers, while Book 2 uses fractions, decimals, and percents. The clear, uncluttered pages with plenty of white space make these volumes very attractive to the adult basic learner. They are more profitably used with a tutor than by the student alone or for review than for initial learning.	C
INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICS: BOOK 1. Cambridge, 1980. 149 pp. $3.80 Series: Cambridge Pre-GED Program.	A revision of Introduction to Arithmetic, this title reviews the four arithmetic functions and their use with whole numbers, fractions, and percents. Designed as preliminary study toward readiness for the G.E.D. examination in mathematics, it is especially helpful because of its numerous practice exercises and check-up tests in that exam's format and its tips on solving word problems. Remarkably low reading level and little use of mathematical jargon.	B
IT'S YOUR MONEY, Books 1 and 2. Lloyd L. Feinstein and Charles H. Maley. Steck-Vaughn, 1973. 98, 92 pp. $1.95 ea. Components: Answer key for each book free with quantity orders.	After a review of basic arithmetic functions the volumes apply these skills to everyday situations, providing opportunity to practice them while learning essential computational survival skills. Topics covered include figuring wages, making a budget, measuring for home improvement projects, and borrowing to buy a car.	E+

MATHEMATICS IN DAILY LIVING, BOOK 1: FRACTIONS. Nerissa Bell Bryant and Loy Hedgepeth. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 108 pp. $1.95.	A self-paced programmed learning approach to the subject, this workbook covers the steps to mastering fractions carefully, one at a time, and with plenty of opportunity for practice before advancing to the next step. Each chapter concludes with an exercise relating mathematical skills to common adult problems. (Chapters 1 and 2 review whole numbers and Roman numerals.)	C
MATHEMATICS IN DAILY LIVING, BOOK 2: DECIMALS AND PERCENT. Nerissa Bell Bryant and Loy Hedgepeth. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 140 pp. $1.95.	Another volume in an excellent set which combines the teaching of mathematics and coping skills in a sequential, incremental pattern laced with numerous practice exercises. Answer key included.	D
MATHEMATICS IN DAILY LIVING, BOOK 3: MEASUREMENT AND GEOMETRY. Nerissa Bell Bryant and Loy Hedgepeth. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 92 pp. $1.95	In the same format as the above two titles, this book covers English and metric measurement and the fundamentals of plain and solid geometry using everyday situations as examples. The reading level of this volume is higher because of the number of multisyllabic words used in metric measurement and to describe geometric figures.	E
MEASURE UP. Charles H. Kahn, et. al. Pitman, 1968. 60 pp. $2.75 Components: Teacher's manual with answer key free.	Intended for special education students but useful for other adults as well, this book on linear measurement in feet and inches is detailed and repetitive, with many exercises, some of which are quite challenging and enjoyable. The pages are, unfortunately deeply perforated, which will limit the number of circulations for this book.	B
NUMBER POWER and NUMBER POWER 2. Jerry Howett. Contempory Books, 1976-77. 138 pp. $3.00 ea.	With step-by-step directions, easily understood examples and plentiful practice problems, these books develop basic skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The first book covers whole numbers and the second fractions, decimals, and percent. Check-ups, story problems, and sections applying mathematical skills to everyday situations add to the usefulness of these excellent volumes for adults who need review and practice. Answers in the books.	E

READING FOR MATHEMATICS. Joyce Friedland and Irene Gross. Richards, 1977. 86 pp. $2.25 Components: Teacher's key, $3.00.	Subtitled, "A Worktext to Improve Reading Skills in the Content Area of Mathematics," this book is designed to help learners follow directions which appear in math texts. The most useful skill covered is recognizing the operative words in word problems and deciding what operation to perform.	D
USING DOLLARS AND SENSE. Charles H. Kahn and J. Bradley Hanna. Pitman, 2nd ed., 112 pp. $3.96. Series: Pacemaker Practical Arithmetic Series. Components: Teacher's guide included.	Practice in the recognition of United States coins and bills and in using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division in figuring costs, making change, and getting the most for your money.	B
WORKING MAKES SENSE. Charles H. Kahn and J. Bradley Hanna. Pitman, 1973. 112 pp. $3.96. Series: Pacemaker Practical Arithmetic Series. Components: Teacher's guide included.	Good supplementary practice in such areas as computing wages, figuring bills, figuring mileage, using a savings account, computing sales tax, using a checking account, and shopping. An inviting format, with plenty of white space and illustration. Most of the examples involve teenagers.	C
WORKING WITH NUMBERS: RECTANGLE BOOK. James T. Shea. Steck-Vaughn, re. ed., 1980. 128 pp. $2.16. Components: Answer key free upon request.	The fourth in a series of eight books, the first three of which are juvenile in appearence, which teaches basic arithmetic skills. Dealing with whole numbers only, this is the most basic of the books in the series appropriate for adults. Each page is a separate lesson with explanations, sample solutions, and ample practice problems. Skills through multiplication with two place numbers and division without remainders are covered.	C
WORKING WITH NUMBERS: REFRESHER BOOK. James T. Shea. Steck-Vaughn, 1974. 160 pp. $2.43. Components: Answer key free upon request.	A review of all the skills covered in the Working with Numbers series, this title includes fundamental skills with whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percent, solving problems with formulas, ratio and proportion, and simple equations. Basic Essentials of Mathematics, p. 16, is identical to this title except for additional practice pages.	E+

SCIENCE

ANIMALS DANGEROUS TO MAN. Richard Mussman. Longman, 1973. 92 pp. $1.50. Series: Longman Structural Readers.	Interesting accounts of the damage caused by sharks, locust plagues, rats, and disease-carrying mosquitoes. The print is small, but the excellent layout and illustrations aid in readability and comprehension.	C
HOW LIFE BEGAN. Lewis Jones. Longman, 1976. 64 pp. $1.25. Series: Longman Structural Readers.	An interesting and thorough account of the origins of the universe and of life on earth. Complicated ideas are clearly presented and illustrated with photographs, drawings, and diagrams.	C
IS ANYBODY THERE? Lewis Jones. Longman, 1977. 60 pp. $1.25. Series: Books in Easy English.	A fascinating discussion about the probability of forms of life on other planets and our attempts to communicate with them. Since the author has not glossed over difficult concepts or theories, the book requires close reading, but the level and style of the writing is quite accessible, and understanding is aided by photographs, drawings, and diagrams. The use of the metric system and of Great Britain as the point of reference on Earth may cause some difficulty for the inexperienced reader.	C
READER'S DIGEST SCIENCE READERS, Books 3 - 6. Franklin M. Branley. Reader's Digest, rev. ed., 1974. 128 - 143 pp. $1.64 ea. Components: Teacher's guide for series, $1.00.	Short and profusely and colorfully illustrated articles in all fieldsof science. The books are intended for children, and the remarks obviously directed at them can be ignored. The series is an otherwise quite interesting and readable set of books appropriate for the scientifically curious adult new reader.	C-D

THE RED GHOST, AND OTHER TRUE ANIMAL STORIES.

Steven Otfinoski. Xerox, 1977. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Stories about the wild American camel, crocodiles, kiwis, sea-horses, and weasels, with many interesting and little-known facts. The book is a mixture of fictionalized history and scientific fact. C

THIS IS YOUR BODY.

James B. Olsen. New Readers Press, 1976. 64 pp. $2.25.

Information about the systems of the body and how they work, heavily illustrated with drawings reproduced from other publications. Although some of the illustrations could have been clearer, this is nonetheless a very good introduction to human anatomy. B

THE WORLD OF ANIMALS, FROM PREHISTORIC TIMES TO THE PRESENT.

Mary Verdick. Xerox, 1977. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Readable and profusely illustrated descriptions of animals that have been particularly intriguing to man through the ages. Well arranged and quite interesting. B

YOU CAN DISCOVER.

John W. Wick, et. al. Steck-Vaughn, 1979. 94 pp. $2.10.

Series: Science for You.

Components: Teacher's edition, $2.10.

A basic science text covering natural resources, plants, animals, minerals, magnetism, and measurement. Includes review questions and suggestions for experiments at the end of each section. Answers only in the teacher's edition. C

YOU CAN EXPERIENCE.

John W. Wick, et. al. Steck-Vaughn, 1979. 94 pp. $2.10.

Series: Science for You.

Components: Teacher's edition, $2.10.

Areas of science covered in this text include the environment, ecosystems, the Earth, the universe, and energy. Includes exercises with each lesson, as well as ideas for experiments. Answers in teacher's edition. D

YOU CAN EXPLORE.

John W. Wick, et. al. Steck-Vaughn, 1979. 94 pp. $2.10.

Series: Science for You.

Components: Teacher's edition, $2.10.

Plant and animal life, weather, space, and light and electricity are among the topics covered in this volume. Includes exercises, suggested experiments, and numerous illustrations. Answers in teacher's edition. C

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ADVERTISING TECHNIQUES and CONSUMER FRAUD.

Nancy Sellers for the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory. McGraw-Hill (Gregg), 1980. 108 pp. $3.42.

Series: Lifeworks.

Actually two titles in one binding, this book contains information on how to sort promises from facts in many different types of advertisements, as well as on how to avoid or report fraudulent consumer practices. Numerous check-ups and activities are included. Answers are in the book. A thorough presentation on an important topic. D

BE INFORMED ON BANKING.

Doug Weeks. New Readers Press, 1977. 40 pp. $1.20.

Series: Be Informed.

A brief but comprehensive introduction to basic banking services: savings accounts, checking accounts, and loans. Includes information on how to choose a bank, finding the right type of checking account, personal accounting skills, and how to shop for a loan. Also briefly mentioned are other services available at a bank. Questions and answers appended. C

BE INFORMED ON BUYING A HOUSE.

Stephen Ludwig. New Readers Press, 1977. 40 pp. $1.20.

Series: Be Informed.

A thorough and understandable introduction to all the considerations involved in buying a home: how much to spend, where to buy, what types of houses to consider, how to determine the condition of the house, what is involved in a closing, how to finance. Also included is a chapter on alternatives to purchasing a single family home. Questions and answers included. C

BE INFORMED ON MONEY.

Fred Morris. New Readers Press, 1971. 40 pp. $1.20.

Series: Be Informed.

Interesting information on the history of money, how money is made, and the U.S. economy, as well as an introduction to personal finances. Questions and answers included. C

BE INFORMED ON PERSONAL CREDIT

Stephen Ludwig. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1976. 40 pp. $1.20.

Series: Be Informed.

An in-depth explanation of the types of credit available to the consumer, including store credit, bank charge cards, and installment buying. Specific information on establishing credit and getting help with credit problems. Questions and answers included.

D

BE INFORMED ON PERSONAL INSURANCE.

Doug Weeks. New Readers Press, 1978. 40 pp. $1.20.

Series: Be Informed.

An introduction to Social Security, health, and disability and life insurance, including information on how to read policies and find a good agent. A clear presentation on a subject which can be confusing. Questions aid in understanding. Answer key included.

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BE INFORMED ON RENTING A PLACE TO LIVE.

Stephen Ludwig. New Readers Press, 1977. 40 pp. $1.20.

Series: Be Informed.

An excellent pamphlet for the first-time reader. Topics covered include choosing an apartment, understanding leases, fair housing laws, security deposits, furnishings, protecting the apartment, and tenant-landlord relations.

D

BECOMING A CAR OWNER.

Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1976. 64 pp. $2.25.

Series: Wheels.

Complete information to help with all the decisions facing a prospective car owner, whether he is shopping for a new or used vehicle. Included is information on testing the automobile, financing, insurance, registration and licensing, warranties, and servicing. Recommended for general collections as well as for the new reader.

E

BUDGETING.

Follett, 1977. 63 pp. $2.28.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide, $1.05.

A compact, thorough, and practical guide to budgeting. Numerous examples aid in comprehension, and exercises provide plenty of opportunity for practice. Answers in the book.

C

BUYING GUIDES.

Stephen Udvari and Janet Laible. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 112 pp. $2.31.

Series: Family Development.

Tips for buying many different types of products, including food, furnishings, appliances, and clothing. Also information on recourse available to the dissatisfied consumer. A useful introduction to wise shopping. Questions scattered throughout; answer key in back.

D

FAMILY MONEY MANAGEMENT.

Stephen Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 96 pp. $2.31.

Series: Family Development.

A concise introductory text which emphasizes planning and goal setting in financial management. The book is well-organized and comprehensive and provides opportunity for practice and check-up. Most of the book is about budgeting for needs and income, but there is also information on credit and family financial security (Social Security, life insurance, wills, etc.). E

FAMILY OF FIVE: HOW EDDIE AND MARIA GOT MORE FOR THEIR FAMILY WITH A SECOND INCOME.

Follett, 1968. 32 pp. $1.65.

Series: Accent/Family Finances.

Components: Instructor's book, $1.95.

A realistic story about a family that finds it necessary for the wife to return to work and the resulting financial adjustments that need to be made. Exercises are an integral part of the story line. Answers, unfortunately, only in instructor's book. An interesting approach to budgeting. The figures are out of date, but the principles remain sound. D

FINDING A GOOD USED CAR.

William Fletcher and Patrick Kelly. Janus, 1977. 64 pp. $2.85.

Series: Janus Survival Guides.

Components: Teacher's manual included.

The text is accompanied by diagrams, checklists, and exercises in this useful and thorough book. An excellent guide to understanding how a car works as well as to examining and road testing a used vehicle. D

GETTING READY TO COOK.

Ann A. Weaver. Pitman, 1974. 58 pp. $2.80.

Series: Young Homemakers at Work.

Components: Free teacher's guide available.

This title contains basic information on meal planning, kitchen equipment, reading recipes, measuring ingredients, kitchen safety, serving food, and cleaning up. A fill-in-the-blanks glossary is included. The book is aimed at teens but is also useful for the adult. B

HEAD OF HOUSEHOLD: HOW NANCY LEARNED TO ACCEPT HER RESPONSIBILITIES.

Follett, 1968. 32 pp. $1.65.

Series: Accent/Family Finances.

A single woman learns to cope with the responsibility of supporting her mother by budgeting her financial resources more closely, soliciting help with expenses from her brother and sister, and taking advantage of her new tax status. More than a discussion of personal finances, this book also presents a realistic picture of family interpersonal relations. Exercises after each chapter but no answers. D

HOW TO....

Lutheran Church Women, 1977. 4 pp. ea. $.05. ea.

A series of nine pamphlets adapted from Simple Home Repairs... Inside (U.S. Department of Agriculture, Extension Service Program Aid No. 1034). The step-by-step instructions are clearly illustrated. The paper and reproduction are not of the highest quality, but the print is readable. Collected in a small ring binder, the pamphlets would be easier to shelve. Titles are: A

How to Fix a Crack around the Bathtub
How to Fix a Dripping Faucet
How to Fix or Replace a Bad Plug
How to Fix Problem Doors
How to Patch Holes in the Wall
How to Patch Screens
How to Repair Wood Drawers
How to Replace a Broken Window
How to Set Tile

JUST MARRIED: HOW NEWLYWEDS LINDA AND PAUL LEARNED TO MANAGE MONEY.

Follett, 1967. 32 pp. $1.65.

Series: Accent/Family Finances.

Components: Instructor's book, $1.95.

The Peters realize they are getting deep into debt but are counseled against a loan. Instead, Linda gets a job, they decrease their spending on clothes and recreation, and they learn to make and live within a budget. Sound advice in a relatively interesting story. With exercises; answers in instructor's book. D

MAINTAINING YOUR CAR.

Jean Oates. New Readers Press, 1979. 80 pp. $3.25

Series: Wheels.

All the basics of automobile care, inside and out, including fairly thorough explanations of a car's various systems. A troubleshooting chart and maintenance schedule are included. C

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MANAGING YOUR MONEY.

Nancy G. Miller, New Readers Press, 1979. 64 pp. $2.25.

Components: Workbook, $.80.

A manual divided into four parts. The first is short and deals with making a budget. The next is the longest and details ways to save money in nine areas of personal and home expenses. The third section discusses the different needs of different configurations of families and single people. And the fourth section explains banking, credit, estate planning, and debt counseling. Good information on vital topics. C

MORE FOOD FOR YOUR MONEY: FOOD PLANNING AND BUYING.

Marilyn Thypin and Lynne Glasner. EMC, 1979. 60 pp. $3.50.

Series: Consumer Education.

Components: Workbook, $1.95.

In a contest to determine who can get the most value for a food dollar, a husband and wife learn about shopping wisely. Practical information in a story which holds interest. Workbook not recommended. B

MOVING ON and GETTING UTILITIES AND SAVING ENERGY.

Leslie Pickens and Nancy Sellers for the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory. McGraw-Hill (Gregg), 1980. 124 pp. $3.00.

Series: Lifeworks.

Moving On contains solid, practical advice on moving a household, from deciding what to move to choosing a truck or moving company and packing. Getting Utilities and Saving Energy covers arranging for service, paying bills, and using energy wisely. Plentiful exercises and check-ups are an integral part of each section. Answers are included. D

PEOPLE AND THE CITY: BUYERS BEWARE.

Barbara Love. Scott-Foresman, 1972. 48 pp. $1.41.

Series: Spectra Program.

A inviting book that discusses such aspects of consumerism as comparison shopping, avoiding pitfalls, and consumer protection. Although the reading level is not easy, the text is chatty and format and illustrations are appealing. E

PLANNING MEALS AND SHOPPING.

Ann A. Weaver. Pitman, 1970. 58 pp. $2.80.

Series: Young Homemakers at Work.

Components: Free Teacher's guide available.

A basic guide to nutrition, meal planning, and food shopping. Designed for the homemaker-to-be but appropriate for any age reader. With exercises. C

PUT YOUR MONEY DOWN: BUYING ON CREDIT.

Marilyn Thypin and Lynne Glasner. EMC, 1979. 60 pp. $3.50.

Series: Consumer Education.

Components: Workbook, $1.95.

When a family of four with an unemployed father needs a new refrigerator, they explore the various ways of obtaining credit. A realistic story. Workbook not recommended.

B

STATE YOUR CLAIM! SMALL CLAIMS COURT.

Marilyn Thypin and Lynne Glasner. EMC, 1980. 60 pp. $3.50.

Series: Consumer Education.

Components: Workbook, $1.95.

Jose and Terry Lopez sue a dry cleaners over a spot on a leather jacket. A clear explanation of small claims court in story form. Workbook not recommended.

B

STUDYING FOR AN OHIO DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Carol Jordan and Rose Tichy. Project: LEARN, 1980. 91 pp. $4.00.

Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group.

An adaptation of Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws, revised Feb. 1, 1980, this handbook is thorough, understandable, and clearly illustrated with black and white line drawings. It will be useful for the prospective driver who intends to take his test orally as well as for those able to tackle the written exam. It should be a welcome addition to adult basic education collections in Ohio libraries.

C

TAKING THE WHEEL.

Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1978. 95 pp. $3.95.

Series: Wheels.

Rules of the road and basic driving skills are presented in some detail at an accessible reading level. Included is an interesting and important driving fitness checkup section.

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USING TRANSPORTATION.

Linda Cabasin, ed. Follett, 1978. 63 pp. $2.28.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide, $1.05.

A workbook which deals with the reading of signs, street maps, route maps for public transportation, schedules, transfers, and taxi meters. Answers included.

E

WE ARE WHAT WE EAT. Helen Taylor Spitze and Patricia H. Rotz. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1977. 92 pp. $2.13	Nutrition information in short chapters, each containing a brief story followed by questions designed to aid in understanding the material and to improve reading skills. An interesting presentation of valuable information.	B
WHEN THINGS DON'T WORK Marilyn Thypin and Lynne Glasner. EMC, 1979. 58 pp. $3.50. Series: Consumer Education. Components: Workbook, $1.95.	When his TV breaks down, Gary learns the hard way about the importance of reading the warranty, finding a reputable repair shop, asking for an estimate, and other good consumer practices. Workbook not recommended.	B
YOUNG HOMEMAKER'S COOKBOOK. Ann A. Weaver. Pitman, 1974. 63 pp. $2.80. Series: Young Homemakers at Work. Components: Free teacher's guide available.	Recipes for the beginning cook, plus a list of cooking terms, notes on measurement, and menu-making charts. Indexed.	C

ALCOHOL: FACTS FOR DECISIONS.

Gail Lichtman. New Readers Press, 1974. 40 pp. $1.75.

Components: Exercises, $.28.

What is alcohol? How does the human body react to its use? What are our society's attitudes toward drinking? Where is the difference between responsible use and abuse? These and other questions are discussed in a clearly written and attractively illustrated booklet.

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AS A CHILD GROWS.

Rosanne Keller. New Readers Press, 1979. 32 pp. $1.00.

Basic information on the needs and abilities of children at various stages of development from birth through five years of age. The emphasis of the book is on love and guidance. A simple introduction illustrated with simple line drawings, written at a very low level.

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BE INFORMED ON MENTAL RETARDATION.

Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, 1970. 20 pp. $1.20.

Series: Be Informed.

Chapters on the definitions and causes of mental retardation, prevention, ways of recognizing retardation, and the life of a mentally retarded adult.

B

BECOMING A MORE EFFECTIVE PERSON.

Stephen Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 80 pp. $2.31.

Series: Family Development.

This books aims to help the reader adjust to change, examine wants and needs, plan and accomplish goals, gain self-direction, and effect change. A well-written book on a topic of interest to many of the adult new readers who reviewed materials for this bibliography, although information on a lower reading level would have been appreciated.

E

CAN YOU GIVE FIRST AID?

Frances M. Bontrager. New Readers Press, 1979. 32 pp. $.95.

A concise and reliable manual of basic first aid techniques, including the Heimlich maneuver but excluding CPR.

C

COMMUNICATING WITH OTHERS.

Stephen S. Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 80 pp. $2.31.

Series: Family Development.

The importance of communication among family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers is discussed, and ways of examining and improving communications are presented. Questions and answers are included. D

DRUGS: FACTS FOR DECISIONS.

Roger Conant. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1976. 31 pp. $1.75.

Components: Exercises, $.28.

Describes various addictive drugs and their effects. Also includes chapters on emergency treatment for overdose victims, drugs and the law, reasons people turn to drugs, and advice for parents. C

GETTING AN ABORTION.

Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, 1974. 15 pp. $.50.

This matter-of-fact pamphlet discusses the legal, medical, and practical aspects of having an abortion. Moral and personal considerations are left up to the reader, but pre- and post-abortion counseling is suggested. E

GETTING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

Follett, 1977. 63 pp. $2.28.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide, $1.05.

This book compares different ways in which medical care is available (private physician, clinic, emergency room etc.). There is also information on understanding symptoms and medical history forms and on specialized medical agencies. B

HAVING A BABY.

Kay Koschnick, ed. New Readers Press, 1973. 168 pp. $3.50.

This title is made up of the six booklets in the "Having a Baby" series annotated below, plus one entitled "Planning Your Family" (p. 33). A compact and thorough presentation. Recommended for general collections as well as for the adult new reader. C-D

HAVING A BABY: THE BABY AND THE FAMILY.

Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, 1973. 40 pp. $.60.

A discussion of all the adjustments - physical, financial, emotional - a family must make when a new baby arrives. C

HAVING A BABY: CONCEPTION AND PREGNANCY. Norah Shipstone and Karen Winget. New Readers Press, 1973. 43 pp. $.60.	Descriptions of how conception occurs, the growth of the fetus, and changes in a woman's body during pregnancy. Detailed illustrations.	D
HAVING A BABY: THE FIRST SIX WEEKS. Katie Baer and Jean Oates. New Readers Press, 1974. 40 pp. $.75.	The care of infant and mother during the first six weeks after birth is discussed. An excellent introduction for the first-time mother.	D
HAVING A BABY: GIVING BIRTH. Katie Baer. New Readers Press, 1973. 28 pp. $.60.	An excellent pamphlet which explains labor, hospital care, delivery, premature birth, breast and bottle feeding, and other considerations on the mind of a woman about to give birth.	D
HAVING A BABY: PRENATAL CARE. Katie Baer. New Readers Press, 1973. 24 pp. $.60.	A mini-handbook for the expectant mother, including information on diet, medical care, minor problems of pregnancy, possible dangers, and preparation for the new baby.	C
HAVING A BABY: THE UNWED MOTHER. Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1975. 22 pp. $.60.	A straightforward presentation of the alternatives available to and the decisions facing the single woman who is pregnant. Addresses of the national offices of various counseling, medical, and legal organizations that can assist are included.	D
HEALTH CARE FOR THE WONGS. Marilyn Thypin and Lynne Glasner. EMC, 1980. 60 pp. $3.50. Series: Consumer Education. Components: Workbook, $1.95.	A young family learns about health insurance and choosing a family doctor. Solid information in a story format that holds the reader's interest. More emphasis could have been placed, however, on the difference in cost between a private physician and a subsidized clinic. The workbook is not recommended.	A

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HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SANITATION. Stephen S. Udvari and Janet Laible. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 96 pp. $2.31. Series: Family Development.	Topics covered include handling emergencies, giving first aid, home safety, and recognizing and treating illnesses at home. A clear, concise presentation.	D
HELP YOURSELF TO HEALTH. Nancy Raines Day. New Readers Press, 1980. 80 pp. $2.95.	A home reference book on health habits (including information on exercise and dealing with stress and change), working with a doctor, recognizing and treating illness at home, first aid, and understanding medications. This attractive book is excellent for the general collection as well as for the new reader.	C
LEARNING GAMES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS. J. Ronald Lally and Ira J. Gordon. New Readers Press, 1977. 80 pp. $2.95.	Simple field-tested games and play activities for parents and their children of from 2 to 24 months. Instructions are clear and easy to follow and are enhanced by drawings.	C
PLANNING YOUR FAMILY. Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, 2nd rev. ed., 1976. 14 pp. $.50.	A discussion of the use and relative effectiveness of various methods of birth control. Includes information on where to go for assistance in both pregnancy prevention and fertility problems.	B
TOBACCO: FACTS FOR DECISIONS. Nancy Raines Day. New Readers Press, 1978. 32 pp. $1.75. Components: Exercises, $.28.	An introduction to the history, uses, and effects of tobacco, including attitudes toward smoking and laws governing the sale and advertising of smoking materials. Suggestions of ways of quitting or cutting down smoking are also offered.	D
UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF. Stephen S. Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 96 pp. $2.31. Series: Family Development.	This text covers such topics as building self-confidence, working with one's heredity and environment, getting motivated, improving mental health through physical care, and establishing values. A good presentation.	D

VD: IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU.

Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, 1971. 15 pp. $.50.

A concise but thorough explanation of the symptoms and cures for several venereal diseases. Stresses the importance of early treatment and informing sexual partners. C

WHEN A BABY IS NEW.

Rosanne Keller. New Readers Press, 1979. 48 pp. $1.25.

In spite of the primitive drawings and somewhat simplistic approach to a subject on which everyone has an opinion, this booklet offers valid advice on how to deal with a newborn baby. The emphasis is on love and patience. A

YOUR FAMILY.

Stephen Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 96 pp. $2.31.

Series: Family Development.

Thought-provoking information on families and the different needs and relationships of individual members. Included are discussions about getting along as husband and wife and child development. D

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BE INFORMED ON FINDING A JOB. Stephen Ludwig. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1975. 40 pp. $1.20. Series: Be Informed.	A well-written pamphlet on job seeking, including sections on looking for work, applying for a job, and interviewing. Not an in-depth discussion of any aspect, but an excellent overview. Exercises with answer key included.	E
CARLOS: WITH MY OWN HANDS. Doug Weeks, ed. New Readers Press, 1979. 48 pp. $1.35. Series: You and Others on the Job.	Carlos Romero learns about unions and getting along with supervisors and fellow workers while he is training to be a furniture maker. As his anger comes under control, he is able to express himself more creatively and constructively, both in his work and at home. Thoughtful "Discussion Starters" at the end of each chapter.	C
FINDING WORK. Follett, 1977. 64 pp. $1.98. Series: Follett Coping Skills.	An attractive and easy-to-follow workbook on job seeking, with the emphasis on using want ads,but also information on filling out application forms and assessing personal qualifications. Answers are in the book.	B
GETTING READY FOR THE WORLD OF WORK. Fiona Armstrong, et. al. McGraw-Hill, 1980. 179 pp. $3.96. Series: Lifeworks.	Information on filling out application forms, using employment agencies, reading employment contracts, reading and replying to want ads, and applying for a social security number. Each section is followed by numerous exercises and suggestions for further activities. Answers are in the book. Designed for use in classrooms, this is also a useful book for adults working alone, although the independent reader may well skip some of the exercises.	C

JANUS JOB INTERVIEW GUIDE. Arnold Livingstone. Janus, 2nd ed., 1977. 80 pp. $3.25. Components: Teacher's manual, with answer key, included.	After an introduction of tips for a successful interview, the reader "observes" fifteen interviews through photographs and dialogue and is asked to rate them. Comprehension questions and puzzles (both of negligible value) also follow each interview. Although most of the job hunters are newly graduated from high school, two are older. Good practice for adults as well as young adults.	D
JANUS JOB PLANNER. Wing Jew and Robert Tong. Janus, 1976. 88 pp. $2.95. Components: Teacher's manual included.	This title is designed for young adults, and some of the exercises are meaningless for adults. It is included, however, because of its unique and useful approach to helping the job-seeker inventory and evaluate his interests, experience, skills, attitudes, and values, as well as his feelings about the relative importance of working conditions and pay.	D
JOB INTERVIEWS. Follett, 1978. 64 pp. $1.98. Series: Follett Coping Skills.	A thorough, step-by-step discussion of the job interview process including information on setting up an interview, being prepared with pertinent information, dressing, planning answers to the questions, and asking appropriate questions.	C
JULIE AT THE PUMPS. Phyllis Larned. Janus, 1977. 40 pp. $1.85. Series: People Working Today. Components: Teacher's manual included.	Except for a somewhat syrupy ending, this is a solid story about Julie Soong's search for and growth in a job that suits her talents and personality. Good ideas and information on choosing an occupation in a fiction format. The central character is a recent high school graduate.	B
MELANIE: PROVING MYSELF. Doug Weeks, ed. New Readers Press, 1979. 64 pp. $1.50. Series: You and Others on the Job.	A young woman from a background of poverty adjusts to her first job as a legal secretary with a big law firm and learns how to cope with a no-nonsense supervisor, work rules, and the various personalities of her co-workers. Questions at the end of each chapter challenge the reader to think about what has been read.	B

OCCUPATIONS.

Sherry Royce and Christopher Ransom Miller. Pitman, 1980. 48 pp. $2.40.

Series: ABLEST.

Deciding on an occupation, looking for a job, applying for a job, the job interview, and getting along with co-workers are the aspects of the world of work covered in this brief introduction to the subject. The interested reader can find more information in other titles in this bibliography. C

OCCUPATIONS 1.

Caroline Blakely, ed. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1975. 64 pp. $2.00.

Human interest stories about people in various occupations and descriptions - covering qualifications, working conditions, benefits, and job outlooks - of those occupations. Areas of work covered are service (including government), paraprofessional assistance, hotel and restaurant, driving, and skilled labor. Salaries are out of date, but other information remains current. An attractive and interesting presentation of the subject. C

OCCUPATIONS 2.

Dennis Schroeder, ed. New Readers Press, 1974. 64 pp. $2.00.

Semiskilled labor, skilled labor, technical, clerical, sales, paraprofessional assistance, self-employed, and supplementary income occupations are covered in the same format as are the vocations in Occupations 1.

PAUL: BUT WHAT SUITS ME?

Doug Weeks, ed. New Readers Press, 1979. 48 pp. $1.35.

Series: You and Others on the Job.

Paul finds a job suited to his talents and interests and learns to get along with and recognize the abilities in his co-workers in the department store. Questions at the end of each chapter are thought-provoking. B

PAYCHECK: WHAT MIKE, RALPH, AND LOU LEARNED ABOUT THEIR TAKEHOME PAY.

Follett, 1974. 32 pp. $1.65.

Series: Accent/Jobs.

An introduction to payroll deductions in story form, with exercises at the end of each chapter. In spite of the simplistic sounding title, a thorough discussion of the topic. C

A REALISTIC JOB SEARCH.

Fiona Armstrong, et. al. McGraw-Hill, 1980. 168 pp. $3.96.

Series: Lifeworks.

This worktext concentrates on planning and writing resumes, writing cover letters, preparing for interviews, and taking employment tests. Plenty of exercises and opportunities for practice and self-evaluation. E

THE REALITY OF WORK AND PROMOTION.

Fiona Armstrong, et. al. McGraw-Hill, 1980. 168 pp. $3.96.

Series: Lifeworks.

Among the topics covered in this text/workbook are the first days on the job, health and safety precautions, getting along with supervisors and co-workers, understanding paychecks, unions, what to do about discrimination, and working toward promotion. C

REALIZING WHAT'S AVAILABLE IN THE WORLD OF WORK.

Fiona Armstrong, et. al. McGraw-Hill, 1980. 163 pp. $3.24.

Series: Lifeworks.

The skills included in this book are finding and using sources of information about jobs, locating job training programs, reading job descriptions, and career planning. Most of the suggestions for further activities will probably be ignored by the independent adult new reader. D

TONY, THE NIGHT CUSTODIAN.

Steven Otfinoski. Janus, 1977. 40 pp. $1.85.

Series: People Working Today.

Components: Teacher's manual included.

After struggling through special education classes and working as a custodial assistant, Tony Capella graduates from high school and becomes a night custodian. His experiences give him the confidence to go back to school to improve his reading and to study building maintenance. B

WORKING WITH OTHERS.

Stephen Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 80 pp. $2.10.

Series: Family Development.

Basic information on finding a job opening, applying for a job, interviewing, getting along on the job, and understanding paychecks. Exercises to aid in comprehension and self-evaluation. Answers in the book. A good comprehensive handbook. E

YOU AND THE WORLD OF WORK.

Fiona Armstrong, et. al.
McGraw-Hill, 1980. 134 pp.
$3.24.

Series: Lifeworks.

The reader learns to select the right job by assessing personal interests, abilities, experience, education, and needs. Includes information on vocational counseling and testing. This worktext is oriented toward classroom use but could be used by the independent reader, who would no doubt eliminate some of the exercises. Answer key included. C

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LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES

AMERICA: LAND OF CHANGE.

Alan Shapiro, et. al. SRA, 1970. Various pagings. $18.40/set.

Components: Set of workbooks, $8.14; teacher's guide for series, $5.14.

Six paperback books dealing with various topics in American history. They are written with a thematic approach and make no attempt at comprehensive coverage. Intended for urban high school students, the titles will also be of general interest:

Black: Story of Negroes in America
Growth: Growth of American Cities, Industries
People: Old and New Immigrants in America
Power: America and Other Nations
Promise: America's History from 1607 to 1865
Rights: Law, Government and the Bill of Rights

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AMERICA'S EARLY YEARS.

Thomas A. Rakes and Annie DeCaprio. Steck-Vaughn, 1979. 114 pp. $1.95.

Series: Living in America.

A non-sexist, non-racist presentation of American history to 1900. Relevant exercises and reviews and interesting sidebars add to the usefulness of this text/workbook. Answers in the book.

C

BE INFORMED ON POLLUTION.

Kay Koschnick. New Readers Press, 1974. 40 pp. $1.20.

Series: Be Informed.

An introduction to the different types of pollution and how they affect us, including discussions of possible solutions to the problems. Some difficult vocabulary. Exercises and answers appended.

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BE INFORMED ON POPULATION.

Gail S. Lichtman. New Readers Press, 1974. 24 pp. $1.20.

Series: Be Informed.

A pamphlet on population growth and its impact on the quality of life. Exercises and answer key included.

E

BEING AN INFORMED CITIZEN.

Stephen S. Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 80 pp. $2.31.

Series: Family Development.

An excellent book covering such topics as citizens' rights and responsibilities, voting, public opinion polls, mass media, and distinguishing between information and propaganda. Includes exercises and answers.

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CIVIL JUSTICE.

Scholastic, 1978. 224 pp. $2.95.

Series: Living Law.

Components: Teaching guide, $3.50.

Thorough coverage of all aspects of civil law, including consumer law, contracts, housing law, damages and injuries, and family law. Although this book is above the maximum reading level set for this bibliography, it is included because of the importance of the topic and the scarcity of material on this subject at low reading levels. Written for use in high school classrooms, it is also usable by adults, who will probably skip some of the suggested activities. Clearly written and attractively arranged. E+

COMMUNITY SERVICES.

Sherry Royce and Christopher Ransom Miller. New Readers Press, 1980. 48 pp. $2.40.

Series: ABLEST.

After an introduction to community life, various educational, recreational, emergency, family, and occupational community agencies are discussed. A brief overview of services available, illustrated with many photographs. Exercises after each chapter, but no answers in the book. C

CONSCIENCE VERSUS LAW.

Bernhard Feder. Globe, 1975. 89 pp. $3.24.

Series: Case Studies in American Experience.

The fight against slavery and the struggle for black civil rights are used as vehicles for a discussion of ways that have been used to change unjust laws and practices in the United States: from peaceful demonstrations and civil disobedience to radical protest. The text is thought-provoking, and suggestions for further reading are given. Exercises and answers are included. E

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Scholastic, 1978. 220 pp. $2.95.

Series: Living Law.

Components: Teaching guide, $3.50.

A comprehensive presentation of the criminal justice system in the United States: the laws, the enforcement agencies, the court system, and the prisons. Although it is at a fairly difficult reading level, this title is included because it is well written, includes numerous examples to aid in comprehension, and is about a subject not well covered in materials with lower reading levels. E+

CRIMES AND JUSTICE.

M. Cherif Bassiouni, et. al. Houghton-Mifflin, 1974. 101 pp. $3.76.

Series: Justice in America.

In this book the reader is introduced - through a series of case studies and discussions - to the legal process for handling offenders and is asked to evaluate the seriousness of various crimes and to think of ways to reduce crime. A thought-provoking book for the advanced adult new reader. E+

CULTURES IN CONFLICT.

Bernard Feder. Globe, 1977. 89 pp. $3.24.

Series: Case Studies in the American Experience.

Case studies of clashes between American Indians and the United States government, from 1830 to 1973. Interesting and provocative exercises (in rather small print) but no answers. E

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION.

Thomas A. Rakes and Annie DeCaprio. Steck-Vaughn, 1979. 140 pp. $1.95.

Series: Living in America.

A thorough discussion of American government (federal, state, and local), citizenship, and law, with exercises at the end of each chapter and review activities every several chapters. Packed with information, including the texts of the Constitution and its Amendments. Answers in the book. E

GOOD TIMES - BAD TIMES: AMERICA FROM 1876 to 1945.

Mary Verdick. Thomas Mooney, ed. Xerox, 1977. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

A light social history (à la People magazine) which should be particularly interesting to those who lived it, or part of it. There is mention of American Indian resistance to western expansion and of women's struggle for the vote but not of any other "minority" activities. Told in many black-and-white photographs and a few words. B

GOVERNMENT AND VOTING: PART 1, GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE.

Katie Baer. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1976. 72 pp. $1.75.

A concise yet thorough and understandable discussion of the U.S. Constitution and federal government. Illustrated with photographs. E

GOVERNMENT AND VOTING: PART 2, THE PEOPLE'S POWER.

Katie Baer. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1976. 48 pp. $1.75.

An interesting and thought-provoking discussion of how individuals influence government in the United States - in the voting booth, through political parties, and by lobbying - with emphasis on the importance of individual involvement. D

GOVERNMENT AND LAW.

Christopher Ransom Miller and Sherry Royce. Pitman, 1980. 48 pp. $2.40.

Series: ABLEST.

A view of United States government and law from the grass roots up. There is much that this title does not attempt to explain in detail, but the interested reader can get more information in other titles in this bibliography. D

HISTORY ATLAS OF OUR COUNTRY. Hammond, 1976. 47 pp. $2.52.	A book of very simple maps printed in bold colors. Each map has accompanying narrative which is at a high reading level, but the maps can be used alone or as supplementary illustrations with other texts.	E
HOW TO REGISTER AND VOTE. Katie Baer. New Readers Press, 1972. 14 pp. $.40.	A basic guide for the prospective voter which provides all the necessary information in a step-by-step format.	C
OUR UNITED STATES. Caroline Blakely and Manbere Wolde, eds. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1974. 64 pp. $1.95. Components: Workbook, $1.75.	One-page descriptions of each of the states and territories as well as of Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal Zone (which section needs updating). Profusely illustrated with photographs and maps.	B
PEOPLE AND THE CITY: CRIME AND SAFETY. Eugene Dunlop. Scott Foresman, 1972. 48 pp. $1.41. Series: Spectra Program.	A discussion of crime and criminals, from the big-time operator to the petty thief. Includes statistics and questions for thought and discussion.	E
PEOPLE AND THE CITY: HOUSING CONFLICTS. Mary H. Manoni. Scott Foresman, 1972. 48 pp. $1.41. Series: Spectra Program.	A realistic presentation of landlord/tenant relations, including questions to encourage further thought.	E
PEOPLE AND THE CITY: MOVING IN. Stanley Dean. Scott Foresman, 1972. 48 pp. $1.41. Series: Spectra Program.	Excerpts from books and articles which detail the experiences and feelings of those who have recently moved into large urban areas. Very appealing format. Questions to stimulate thought are included.	E

PLACES TO VISIT IN CLEVELAND: MUSEUMS. Virginia Hassler. Project: LEARN, 1979. 33 pp. $.50. Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group.	Brief descriptions of fifteen museums and historic sites in the Cleveland area, with hours, fees, and telephone numbers included. There is also a page on how to find out about other museums.	C
SETTLERS IN AMERICA. Barbara Woller Lowrie and Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1977. 64 pp. $2.95.	Descriptions of the characteristics, struggles, and accomplishments of various groups of immigrants. Each chapter ends with an annotated list of famous persons. The photographs are excellent and add to this book's readability.	C
THIS LAND IS OUR LAND: THE AMERICAN DREAM. Sandra Sanders Breuer, ed. Scholastic. 1974. 160 pp. $2.75. Series: Contact.	A collection of short stories, essays, and plays about the American dream and struggles to achieve it. Although the book was written for young adults, its appeal is not limited to teens.	C
TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICA. Thomas A. Rakes and Annie DeCaprio. Steck-Vaughn, 1979. 124 pp. $1.95. Series: Living in America.	A clear, concise, and interesting history text which does not ignore the contributions of minorities, women, and "ordinary citizens" to the development of the United States. Well prepared exercises at the end of each chapter and in the review sections. Answers in the book.	C
USING COMMUNITY RESOURCES. Follett, 1977. 64 pp. $1.98. Series: Follett Coping skills.	Lessons on using the telephone directory to locate community services. Important for its emphasis on helping the reader to apply skills to finding information and assistance in his own community.	D
WHAT IT TAKES: DEVELOPING SKILLS THROUGH CONTEMPORARY LIVING. Thomas Clayton, Pitman, 1972. 140 pp. $3.20. Components: Teacher's guide free.	Through a continuing story about the Johnson family, focusing on the teenage son, the reader is exposed to the problems of living in a broken home, reasons for staying in school, functions of a special learning class, ways of getting along with others, methods of fire prevention, and other topics. Although the book is lengthy and covers several seemingly disparate topics, its reading level is quite low, and it can be used in sections.	A

WHERE TO GO, WHO TO SEE, WHAT TO DO.

Stephen Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 96 pp. $2.31.

Series: Family Development.

Information about resources available in the community to help with social, medical, mental health, legal, financial, housing, recreational, and occupational problems. Includes exercises and answers.

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OTHER TIMES, OTHER PLACES

THE CHRISTMAS STORY.

Margaret Taub. New Readers Press, 1972. 22 pp. $.75.

A retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus, illustrated with black-and-white sketches. B

DAVID: FROM SHEPHERD BOY TO KING.

Shirley Lawson. New Readers Press, 1961. 16 pp. $.50.

The Old Testament story told in a few pages and with easy-to-read words. Illustrated with simple sketches. A

THE FISHERMAN OF SADANG.

Geraldine Kaye and Irma Siswojo. Oxford, 1975. 39 pp. $1.95.

Series: Delta Readers.

A group of Far-Eastern fisherman band together to get a better price for their catch. An interesting story on a universal problem. Because the book was written for students of English as a second language, words are defined which need not have been for the native-born American. The exercises at the end can also be ignored. B

GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS, Series A and B.

American Bible Society, 1973. 36, 80 pp. $.35, $.60.

Parables and stories of the life of Christ. Attractively illustrated and presented. The chapters are also available as individual pamphlets, but the format reviewed here is more suitable for public library circulating collections. C

THE INTERMEDIATE WORLD ATLAS.

Hammond, 1979. 79 pp. $3.20.

Topographical maps presented in a manner which is simple but not so simplified as to be useless. An abbreviated index, gazeteer, and glossary of maps, terms and abbreviations is included. The difficult text may be ignored and the maps used alone or in conjunction with other reading materials. E+

THE SECRET SHIP.

Ruth Kluger and Peggy Mann. Doubleday, 1978. 136 pp. $5.95

Series: Signal Books.

The true story of a young woman's rescue of thousands of Jews from the Nazi holocaust. Some of the proper names are difficult, and the twistings and turnings of the plot are not easy to follow, but for someone interested in the subject, the reading is compelling. B

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THE STORY OF JESUS,
Parts 1 - 3.

Frank C. Laubach, retel.
New Readers Press, 1963.
61 - 63 pp. $1.50 ea.

Part 1 is entitled "Jesus' Birth and Ministry," Part 2 "Jesus' Death and Resurrection," and Part 3 "The Parables of Jesus." Part 3 includes some explanation and interpretation. These books have proved appealing to adult new readers interested in the subject. D

THE BRIDGE.

Leonard W. Miller. Dynamic Programs, rev. ed., 1974. 111 pp. $2.95.

Series: Archie Series.

From his days as a hard-drinking day worker who had not finished high school to his life as a wage-earning family man with his diploma, Archie struggles to improve himself and to help others to do the same. Conversations in black English add realism to a story which is good reading in spite of some technical and typographical errors. C

DARK TO BRIGHT FUTURE.

Fay Richardson. Dynamic Programs, 1976. 61 pp. $2.50.

Series: Turk Tonelli Series.

Don (Turk) Tonelli, whose story begins in Winning Twice (p. 51), completes basic training, falls in love, and is sent to Vietnam, where he gains insight into himself and begins to plan for his future. C

A DREAM WITH STORMS.

Fran Reed. New Readers Press, 1979. 64 pp. $1.50.

Series: Sundown Books.

A compelling and sympathetic story about a migrant worker's wife who yearns to attend school to become a teacher's aid. Rosa resolves conflicts with her husband, and the whole Ramirez family benefits from her new experiences. B

THE DROP-IN.

Peggy Mann. Scholastic, 1979. 127 pp. $1.99.

Series: Double Action.

Chuck drops out of high school to marry Charlene and raise a family. When his wife leaves him with a six-month-old child, he is faced with some difficult decisions and, with the help of his family, goes back to school to earn his diploma. B

THE FAMILY FROM VIETNAM.

Tanna Reiff. Pitman, 1979. 57 pp. $2.60.

Series: Lifeline.

Components: Curriculum guide for series, $2.60.

A refugee family is separated during an airlift from Vietnam, and Mai and her children spend their first year in the United States without Set. The story tells of their experiences in resettlement camps, in the home of their sponsoring family, and in their own apartment, until they are reunited with Mai's husband. A

THE FIREFIGHTER.

Stuart James. Scholastic, 1979. 126 pp. $1.99.

Series: Double Action.

In a book which interweaves interesting information about training to be a firefighter with a plotline, a rookie firefighter suspects that one of his colleagues is trying to kill him. Several students interviewed for this bibliography requested books about firefighting. B

GYPSY.

Al Nussbuam. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Components: Teacher's guide for series, $3.56.

A gypsy biker begins a career in motorcycle racing after taking the place of an injured friend for his first race. B

JUAN AND LUCY.

Tana Reiff. Pitman, 1979. 57 pp. $2.60.

Series: Lifeline.

Components: Curriculum guide for series, $2.60.

A short and simple story in which a young couple dates, lives together, marries, discovers fertility problems, adopts children and experiences the birth of their child. Juan and Lucy work out their differences and problems, and the reader is encouraged to think about many of the issues raised by means of discussion questions at the end of each chapter. A realistic portrayal. A

MOLLIE'S YEAR

Tana Reiff. Pitman, 1979. $2.60.

Series: Lifeline.

Components: Curriculum guide for series, $2.60.

The chronicle of Mollie's year of adjustment and growing independence after the death of her husband of many years. She learns to drive, gets a job, makes changes in her house, and takes a trip by herself. A straightforward - even somewhat dry - and accurate account of some of the decisions an older widow must make. A

MY FRIEND, ANNA.

Kathryn Bundy. Barbara Coley, adap. Kern, 1975. 8 pp.

Series: Kern Adult Literacy.

A recent Mexican immigrant learns English from her friend; told with humor and compassion. A

PAT KING'S FAMILY.

Karen McFall. New Readers Press, 1977. 64 pp. $1.50.

A young wife deserted by her husband develops an understanding of her failed marriage as she learns to take responsibility for herself and her two young children. A sensitive story. A

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

Tana Reiff. Pitman, 1979. 58 pp. $2.60.

Series: Lifeline.

Components: Curriculum guide for series, $2.60.

A 40-year-old woman returns to school to improve her reading skills and to start preparing for the G.E.D. exam. Despite her mother's illness, which forces her to quit classes, she is able to fulfill another ambition - establishing her own sewing business. Each chapter is followed by questions which encourage the reader to relate the story to her own life. B

ROSINA TORRES, LPN.

Herma Werner and John Pineat. Scholastic, 1979. 127 pp. $1.99.

Series: Double Action.

A newly graduated LPN is initiated into her hospital routine by a seemingly unsympathetic, hard-headed supervisor. There is a hint of romance in this story on a subject often requested by the student reviewers for this bibliography. C

SAVING THE BIG-DEAL BABY.

Louise Armstrong. Dutton, 1980. 42 pp. $7.95.

Series: Skinny Books.

A young mother seeks help in dealing with her anger and the stresses of parenthood in this readable novel about child abuse. Written for young adults but on a topic of interest to all ages. A

THE SHOPLIFTING GAME.

Tana Reiff. Pitman, 1979. 59 pp. $2.60.

Series: Lifeline.

Components: Curriculum guide for series, $2.60.

A young woman who "can't stop" shoplifting is forced to re-examine her values when she is caught. The story is somewhat repetitive but contains interesting information on the effects of shoplifting and the legal process after an arrest. B

SO LONG, SNOWMAN.

Tana Reiff. Pitman, 1979. 58 pp. $2.60.

Series: Lifeline.

Components: Curriculum Guide for series, $2.60.

A young man recalls his life, from getting kicked out of high school to becoming addicted to drugs, stealing, and beating the woman with whom he lived. In the last chapter the reader learns that 18-year-old Billy is telling his story from jail but that he is determined to make a new start. A

THE STORY OF PAUL: A TRUE STORY.

Sarah Reyes. Kern, 1969. 10 pp.

Series: Kern Adult Literacy.

The story of a migrant worker who learns to read as an adult. Written by his wife, who was also his reading tutor. A

TAKE CARE OF MILLIE.

Jessie Redding Hull. New Readers Press, 1980. 64 pp. $1.50.

Series: Sundown Books.

Millie faces the world without her husband of forty years. After some misunderstandings with her daughter, she comes to grips with her situation and makes her own decisions about the life she wants to live. A moving and compassionate story. C

A TIME TO CHOOSE.

Tana Reiff. Pitman, 1979. $2.60.

Series: Lifeline.

Components: Curriculum guide for series, $2.60.

A family man is faced with choosing between the glory and promise of a budding racing career and the stability of a job as a head mechanic, a job that would also allow him more time for his wife and children. Bob has not made his choice by the end of the book, but he has learned that his wife deserves an equal voice in the decision. B

WINNING TWICE.

Fay Richardson. Dynamic Programs, 1976. 68 pp. $2.50.

Series: Turk Tonelli Series.

When Don Tonelli wins big money in a bowling tournament, it builds his confidence to finish high school and go into business. But his father loses Don's money in a swindle, and Don joins the Army to escape the life he sees ahead of him. His story is continued in Dark to Bright Future, p. 48.

THE AIR FREIGHT MYSTERY.

W. E. Butterworth. Scholastic, 1979. 128 pp. $1.99.

Series: Double Action.

Steve Davis, an employee of Global Airways, becomes involved in a smuggling operation. When he works with management to solve the mystery, hè is rewarded with the opportunity to work in Security, fulfilling a long-held ambition. A believable story with an ingenious twist. C

THE ANIMALS.

Earle Rice, Jr. Pitman, 1979. 58 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

A downed and blinded United States Air Force pilot is aided by the French Resistance and returns to the war to destroy a German air squadron bent on assasinating Churchill. Exciting and well plotted. B

BAD MOON.

Dudley Bromley. Pitman, 1979. 56 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Karl Baumer, private detective, investigates the murder of a magician on the 13th anniversary of his death. An intriguing mystery with a surprise ending. B

BURIED ALIVE, AND OTHER TRUE STORIES OF ESCAPE.

Mary Verdick, ed. Xerox, 1978. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Seven accounts of survivors of a blizzard, an airplane crash, a shipwrèck, a fire, a prisoner-of-war camp, a mine cave-in, and an escape from a chain gang. Based on actual events. C

CALL OF THE WILD.

Jack London. Mitsu Yamamoto, adap. Newbury House, 1979. 43 pp. $1.95.

Series: Newbury House Readers.

A good rètelling of the classic story. Of the several adaptations reviewed for this bibliography, this was the shortest and most simply written that retained the feel of the original. Illustrated with line drawings. Exercises (but no answers) and a glossary included. C

THE CANDY MAN.

Steve Bradley. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

A vacation in New York City turns into a nightmare for Peg Johnson when she discovers a statue packed with heroin in her coat pocket. A

CAR THIEVES.

L. G. Alexander. Longman, 1968. 15 pp. $.85.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

Inspector Wood captures two car thieves after he discovers the camera with which they have taken pictures of themselves in front of one of their stolen autos! Told by means of captioned pictures. B

CASES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES.

Arthur Conan Doyle. William Kottmeyer, adap. McGraw-Hill, 1974. 118 pp. $4.25.

Series: Webster Everyreaders.

"The Adventure of the Speckled Band," "The Red-Headed League," "The Adventure of the Six Napoleans," and "The Adventure of the Empty House" rewritten at an attractively low level but without loss of the flavor of the original stories. Also included is an interesting chapter about Doyle and the writing of the Holmes stories. A

COUNTERFEIT!

W. H. Wheeler. Pitman, 1979. 60 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Interpol agents crush a counterfeiting ring centered in Honduras. The plot is sometimes difficult to follow as it shifts viewpoint from chapter to chapter, but the story is interesting and suspenseful. A

CRASH DIVE.

Lee Frederick. Pitman, 1977. 59 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

A fascinating account of a World War II battle between a German U-boat and an American destroyer. The delineation of character makes this more than an adventure story. B

THE DEMETER STAR.

A. F. Oreshik. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Scuba divers face great dangers in attempts to recover treasure from a sunken cargo ship. Suspenseful and satisfying. B

DETECTIVES FROM SCOTLAND YARD.

L. G. Alexander. Longman, 1966. 16 pp. $.85.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

Two burglars pose as detectives from Scotland Yard to gain access to the basement of a house next to the bank they intend to rob. But their plan backfires. Told in captioned pictures.

A

DIAMONDS IN THE DIRT.

Archie Campbell. Pitman, 1977. 44 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Unknown to its young owners, the new racing track of the Eldorado Moto Cross Club has been built over $2,000,000 worth of stolen diamonds. An improbable but easy-to-follow plot.

B

FALLING STAR.

Lisa Eisenberg. Pitman, 1980. 57 pp. $3.56.

Series: Laura Brewster Books.

Insurance investigator Laura Brewster becomes suspicious when a heavily insured Hollywood star is killed in an accident.

B

FAST FOOD KING.

Lisa Eisenberg. Pitman, 1980. 58 pp. $3.56.

Series: Laura Brewster Books.

Reginald Bumpo, developer of the Bumpo Burger, is poisoned by his company's new secret-formula hamburger sauce, and Laura Brewster is sent to investigate.

B

FLIGHT TO FEAR.

Tom Belina. Pitman, 1977. 59 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Linda Logan escapes from a hijacked plane in a Central American jungle and brings rescue. Plenty of action and excitement.

A

FORTY DAYS LOST.

Ben East. Crestwood, 1979. 47 pp. $2.95.

Series: Survival.

Seven men survive for forty days after their plane makes an emergency landing in the wilderness of Northern Quebec. A compelling true story.

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FROZEN TERROR.

Ben East. Crestwood, 1979. 47 pp. $2.95.

Series: Survival.

Fisherman Lewis Sweet is trapped on an ice flow in Lake Michigan and survives many frightening mishaps in his danger-ridden return to shore. Outdoor Life editor Ben East recounts the suspenseful true story. C

GIRL AGAINST THE JUNGLE.

Monica Vincent. Longman, 1978. 32 pp. $1.00.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

A young woman tells the story of her survival in an Amazon jungle after a plane crashes. Based on an actual occurence. A

HIS CHUTE DIDN'T OPEN; TRUE STORIES OF DANGER AND DARING.

Mary Verdick. Xerox, 1978. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

A grab bag of adventure stories: a parachute that doesn't open, a ship wreck, an avalanche, attack by a grisly bear, and a robbery. Characters are young but not teenagers. B

THE HOUSE NEAR THE SEA.

Richard Mussman. Longman, 1971. 16 pp. $.85.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

A couple aids a drowning man who turns out to be an escaped prisoner. Told in captioned pictures. A

HOUSE OF LAUGHS.

Lisa Eisenberg. Pitman, 1980. 57 pp. $3.56.

Series: Laura Brewster Books.

Laura Brewster investigates the death of a friend at the Superama Amusement Park and narrowly escapes death herself. A double entendre helps to solve the mystery. B

JANE EYRE.

Charlotte Bronte. Evelyn Attwood, adap. Longman, rev. ed., 1978. 148 pp. $1.50

Series: Longman Simplified English.

An adaptation of the original which pares away description and soliloquy to leave the good gothic romance exposed for the adult new reader. D

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JIM AND THE SUN GODDESS.

Ben Butterworth and Bill Stockdale. Pitman, 1977. 30 pp. $2.60.

Series: Jim Hunter Books.

Told in only a few words per page and in a book printed in large type and heavily illustrated, Agent Jim Hunter's adventure in the temple of Zarka is fast-moving and easy to follow. B

JIM IN TRAINING.

Ben Butterworth and Bill Stockdale. Pitman, 1977. 64 pp. $2.60.

Series: Jim Hunter Books.

Jim Hunter is sent to agent's training camp for a refresher course that tests his survival and detecting skills. B

THE MISSING AIRCRAFT.

Ben Butterworth and Bill Stockdale. Pitman, 1977. 64 pp. $2.60.

Series: Jim Hunter Books.

A coup in ficticious Paranga and a missing South American businessman set the scene for another assignment for Jim Hunter, special agent. B

MISSING! STORIES OF STRANGE DISAPPEARANCES.

Daniel Cohen. Dodd, Mead, 1979. 111 pp. $5.95. (Also: Pocket Books, $1.95).

Series: Dodd Mead Hi-Lo.

Although the reading level is high, the interest level is also high in this anthology of stories about missing persons whose cases have never been solved. A fascinating book for the advanced new reader. E

MURDER IN THE LANGUAGE LAB.

M. L. Allen. Newbury House, 1979. 43 pp. $1.95.

Series: Newbury House Readers.

A super-chimp helps to solve a murder. Suspense laced with humor. Student reviewers were interested in the fact that a chimpanzee can be taught to communicate in symbols. B

THE NIGHT THE SKY LIT UP: TRUE STORIES OF ADVENTURE.

Freida Andrews. Xerox, 1978. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: Pal Paperbacks.

Accounts of a hotel fire, an auto accident, a shipwreck, a hurricane, and a hijacking. A

NORTH TO OAK ISLAND.

Dudley Bromley. Pitman, 1977. 59 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Stowaway Will Andrews gets caught up in piracy on the high seas when he finds himself on the ship of the notorious Black Kate. The story is fiction, but the buried treasure of Oak Island is thought to be real, and many attempts have been made to recover it. See also: Earth's Hidden Mysteries (p. 62). B

REAL-LIFE ADVENTURES: THIRTEEN TRUE TALES OF COURAGE.

Mary Verdick, comp. Xerox, 1973. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbooks.

Thirteen very short accounts of survival, escape, endurance, rescue, and danger. Compelling reading illustrated with line drawings. B

A SCANDAL IN BOHEMIA: SEVEN SHERLOCK HOLMES STORIES.

Arthur Conan Doyle. Ronald Holt, adap. Longman, 1976. 89 pp. $1.25.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

Although these stories are written at quite a low level, they retain the feel of the originals and are good reading. Of the seven stories, only "The Red-Headed League" is found in another Holmes collection recommended in this bibliography. Illustrated with photographs. Exercises are appended, but they are of little use. B

SECRET SPY.

Albert Martin. Pitman, 1979. 56 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

A suspenseful spy thriller involving a switched tape recorder and an unsuspecting traveler. The enemy agent is revealed by his pronunciation of the letters of the alphabet! Fun and exciting. B

SO WILD A DREAM.

Christopher Florentz. Pitman, 1977. 59 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Beth Ferguson is entrusted with the delivery of a secret message to American troops during the Revolution. She gets through British lines but on the return trip is captured and forced to reveal the identity of a spy she has come to love. B

THE SPY WHO NEVER WAS, AND OTHER TRUE SPY STORIES. David C. Knight. Doubleday, 1978. 136 pp. $6.95. Series: Signal Books.	A compelling collection of spy stories, truly suspenseful and based on fact. Most of them take place during wars, and a basic knowledge of American and European history would be helpful to the reader.	E
STORIES OF SURPRISE AND WONDER. Robert R. Potter. Globe, 1979. 182 pp. $4.00.	Short stories of suspense and the supernatural in which the unexpected happens. Adapted from such authors as Chekhov, O. Henry, and Jerrome K. Jerrome, the stories retain the flavor of the originals. Each story is preceded by definitions of some of the words which might prove troublesome to the adult new reader and followed by excellent exercises to aid in understanding and critical thinking.	C
TALES OF ESCAPE. Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1970. 32 pp. $2.36. Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.	Three war stories of escape or survival based on actual incidents. Interesting tales written in simple language.	B
TALES OF EXPLORERS. Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1973. 32 pp. $2.36. Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.	Stories of Kon-Tiki's voyage from Peru to Polynesia, the first men to reach the North Pole, and the first to climb Mt. Everest.	B
TALES OF PIRATES. Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1973. 32 pp. $2.36. Series: Pacemaker True Adventure.	Episodes in the lives of Si Rahman, Blackbeard, and Madam Ching. Entertaining reading for the adult beginning reader.	A

TALES OF RAILROADS.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1972. 32 pp. $2.36.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Stories of a fight to save a British railroad yard from bombs during World War I, the rescue of a snowbound train, and the capture of a train full of Union spies by Confederate soldiers are told at an easy reading level. B

TALES OF RESCUE.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1970. 32 pp. $2.36.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Stories of rescue from a sinking ship, a mine cave-in, and an Artic island, told in a non-sensational, low-key narrative. A

TALES OF SHIPWRECK.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1970. 32 pp. $2.36.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Accounts of the rescue of $10,000,000 in gold from the ocean floor and the raising of the Normandie from New York Harbor during World War II as well as of the survival of an English ship during an 1889 hurricane in the Samoan Islands. B

TALES OF SPIES.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1972. 32 pp. $2.36.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Three true tales of spies, including Mata Hari. Intriguing reading at a very low level. A

THREE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Frances Johnston, adap. Longman, 1976. 59 pp. $1.25.

Series: New Method Supplementary Readers.

"The Speckled Band" (also retold in Cases of Sherlock Holmes, page 53), "The Five Orange Pips," and "The Crown of Diamonds" in readable and faithful renditions. B

THREE MILE HOUSE.

Jim McAliffe. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestsellers.

When Bob Riley takes on a job delivering mysterious packages for an eccentric rich man, he finds himself hunted on the streets of San Francisco. Smooth, quick-moving plot. A

TIGER, LION, HAWK.

Earle Rice, Jr. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

To avenge the deaths of his brother and friend, Flying Tiger Drew Elsmore battles Japan's Lion of the Skies in the air over World War II China. A realistic, compassionate, and exciting telling. B

TIGER ROSE.

Lisa Eisenberg. Pitman, 1980. 59 pp. $3.56.

Series: Laura Brewster Books.

Laura Brewster, insurance investigator, goes undercover at a stable where a valuable race horse and her stable hand have been killed. A

TRAPPED IN DEVIL'S HOLE.

Ben East. Crestwood, 1979. 47 pp. $2.95.

Series: Survival.

Two experienced fisherman are trapped in a steep canyon in a remote wilderness area until their daring rescue. Common sense and outdoor experience help them survive after they fail an attempt to escape. A true adventure. D

THE VERLAINE CROSSING.

Steven Otfinoski. Pitman, 1977. 44 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Action-packed adventure on a fastmoving passenger train. The changing identities of the characters from good guys to bad and back again are confusing but not impossible to untangle. B

WET FIRE.

W. H. Wheeler. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Thomas Garcia, the director of an art museum, and Lola Taggert, a magazine writer, endure the attacks of leaches, insects, and snakes in the jungles of Borneo to recover the lost golden statues of an ancient people. B

WUTHERING HEIGHTS.

Emily Bronte. Evelyn Attwood, adap. Longman, 1944. $1.50.

Series: Longman Simplified English.

The story of Catherine and Heathcliff is as wild and wonderful in this abridgement as it is in the original novel. For the advanced new reader. E

THE ACTOR

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979. 43 pp. $3.56.

Series: Specter.

Great Uncle Bill's photograph is Alex Bolt's key to a successful - if ghostly - acting career. A

BACKWARD IN TIME.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1979. 57 pp. $3.56.

Series: Space Police Books.

Ix, an alien whose daughter was killed in an accident caused by a drunken human, learns to break away from the past and trust humans again when Earthling Cal Sulu risks his life to help him. B

BERMUDA TRIANGLE.

Howard Schroeder. Crestwood, 1978. 48 pp. $2.95.

Series: Search for the Unknown.

Stories of mysterious disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle - from fifteenth century myths about the Sargasso Sea to recent accounts - are told in a straightforward, non-sensational style. Two popular titles on the subject are also discussed: The Bermuda Triangle, by Charles Berlitz (which suggests that UFO's are responsible for the vanishing ships and airplanes) and The Bermuda Triangle Mystery Solved, by Lawrence Kusche (which offers logical explanations for all of the most famous disappearances). Compelling reading. D

CREATURES FROM UFO's.

Daniel Cohen. Pocket Books (Archway), 1979. 115 pp. $1.50. (Also: Dodd, Mead, 1978, $5.95.)

Very interesting recountings of reported experiences with visitors from outer space. The reader is asked to judge the validity of each report from the evidence. Enjoyable reading. The reading level is high because of the large number of multisyllabic words. E

DEAD MOON.

Leo P. Kelley, Pitman, 1979. 59 pp. $3.56.

Series: Galaxy 5.

Space traveler Don Chadrow saves his companions Steve and Ellen from a mind-controlling machine on a lifeless moon. B

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A DEADLY GAME.

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979.
41 pp. $3.56.

Series: Specter.

A deadly chess set turns against its owner after killing off his adversaries and building him a fortune. A

DREAM OF THE DEAD.

Marie Seth. Pitman, 1977.
59 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Diana's mind is taken over by the ghost of a Scottish girl who died 200 years ago. A gothic romance/horror story with the traditionally satisfying ending. A

DREAMS.

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979.
25 pp. $3.56.

Series: Specter.

A recurring nightmare about a devasting accident haunts a newly-employed train porter. Short and simple. A

THE EAR.

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979.
57 pp. $3.56.

Series: Specter.

An artist who believes himself to be Van Gogh reincarnated cuts off his ear and sends it to his friend, who can only rid herself of it by flying to France and burying it in Van Gogh's grave. A

EARTH TWO.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1979.
59 pp. $3.56.

Series: Space Police.

Retired Space Police Commander Carlos Ocola rejects life in the Retirement Center and finds fulfillment refurbishing an abandoned space station. A

EARTH'S HIDDEN MYSTERIES: ACCOUNTS OF MANKIND'S UNSOLVED PUZZLES.

Carl Cohen. Xerox, 1974.
95 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Brief but tantalizing discussions of the Bermuda Triangle, the statues of Easter Island, the jinx ship Mary Celeste, witchcraft, UFO's, and the Oak Island treasure pit. Further reading for the adult new reader on some of these subjects include Bermuda Triangle (p. 61) and North to Oak Island (p. 57), a fiction title. C

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THE FACE ON THE SCREEN, AND OTHER SHORT STORIES. Paul Victor. Longman, 1978. 43 pp. $1.00 Series: Longman Structural Readers.	Each of these three compelling stories - reminiscent of those on "The Twilight Zone" - ends with a surprising twist. Light, spine-tingling reading.	A
THE '57 T-BIRD. Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979. 36 pp. $3.56. Series: Specter.	A haunted car seriously injures one owner after another - all of them named Edward.	A
HOMECOMING. Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979. 52 pp. $3.56. Series: Specter.	Helen is saved from death at the hands of her uncle by the spirit of a handsome young man who died over 200 years ago. Gothic suspense and romance.	B
I DIED HERE. George Shea. Pitman, 1979. 60 pp. $3.56. Series: Bestellers.	A man murdered in Greece in another life feels compelled to bring the murderers to justice. Predictable but fun.	B
KING OF THE STARS. Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1979. 59 pp. $3.56. Series: Galaxy 5.	Astronauts Don, Steve and Ellen help Halgo defeat King Yarro's silver soldiers in an intergalatic battle of good against evil.	B
LIVING MONSTERS: TRUE STORIES OF REAL MONSTERS. Ann Marie Drozd. Xerox, 1974. 96 pp. $.95. Series: PAL Paperbacks.	Reports of sightings of the Loch Ness Monster, the Abominable Snowman, Bigfoot, and lesser-known monsters. Some of the stories are believable (Old Mose, the giant bear, for instance) and others far-fetched (such as Mothman).	A

THE LOST LOVE AND OTHER STORIES. $1.00. Jan Carew. Longman, 1978. 28 pp. Series: Longman Structural Readers.	Four entertaining and eerie short stories in English settings. There are a few British spellings and expressions, but they do not interfere with comprehension. The appended exercises are not particularly helpful.	A
THE MONSTER THAT WOULDN'T DIE, AND OTHER STRANGE BUT TRUE STORIES. Steve Otfinoski. Xerox, 1976. 94 pp. $.95. Series: PAL Paperbacks.	Seven "true" stories (some of them fictionalized accounts) about mermaids, monsters, ghosts, mummies, witchcraft, and oddities.	B
NO RENT TO PAY. Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979. 51 pp. $3.56. Series: Specter.	A young couple discovers that they have rented a house from a dead woman!	B
OUTER LIMITS OF THE MIND: MYSTERIES OF THE POWER OF THE HUMAN MIND. Betty Joan Burr. Xerox, 1974. 96 pp. $.95. Series: PAL Paperbacks.	Stories about hypnosis, ESP, reincarnation, visions, possession, mind healing, and the sensitivity of plants, including chapters on Edgar Cayce and Bridey Murphy	C
PSYCHIC STORIES STRANGE BUT TRUE. Linda Atkinson. Watts, 1979. 95 pp. $6.90. Series: Triumph Books.	Accounts of personal experiences with mental telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, psychokinesis, and out-of-the-body travel. Includes a chapter on scientific opinions on psychic phenomena and one of experiments for the reader to try. Some difficult vocabulary.	B

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SILVABAMBA.

Dan D'Amelio. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Two explorers stumble into a lost jungle world in which pygmies raise giant animals to protect themselves. A

STAR GOLD.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1979 60 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers.

Two humans, an alien, and a "half-breed" are helped to escape from the prison planet, Earth, by an interstellar entrepreneur who wants his daughter rescued from Alban Kidnappers. Plenty of laser beam combat. B

TALES OF MYSTERY AND THE UNKNOWN.

Robert Potter, adap. Globe, 1976. 214 pp. $4.28.

An unusually good collection of mystery, science fiction, and supernatural tales. Adapted from originals by well-known authors. Reading aids include a page of definitions and exercises to aid in understanding, drawing inferences, and vocabulary building accompanying each story. D

THE TIME TRAP.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1977. 59 pp. $3.56.

Series: Bestellers

Two young time travelers on a photographic assignment into the past of Planet X-12 foil treachery and find love among the killer insects and singing flowers. A

TRUE GHOST STORIES: TALES OF THE SUPERNATURAL BASED ON ACTUAL REPORTS.

Pat McCarthy. Xerox, 1974. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Fictionalized accounts of dealings with ghosts. Fun for the buff. B

UFO'S.

Lewis Jones. Longman, 1978. 64 pp. $1.00

Series: Books in Easy English.

A well-written, fairly detailed discussion of reports of UFO sightings and efforts to substantiate and coordinate the facts. Includes interesting information on how "evidence" can be faked. Illustrated with diagrams and photographs. C

ZB4.

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979.
68 pp. $3.56.

Series: Specter.

A chilling and suspenseful science fiction tale about a spy who changes bodies for each new case. A well-developed story and one of the best recommended in this section. B

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BIG LEAGUE PITCHERS AND CATCHERS.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1974. 168 pp. $6.57.

Series: Target Books.

The sports lives of nine baseball immortals of the past whose feats and records are impressive even to those not steeped in the lore of the game. Of particular interest to Cleveland area fans are the stories of Cy Young and Bob Feller. C

CHAMPIONS ALL: TWELVE STORIES OF FAMOUS SPORTS HEROES.

Ken Lane, ed. Xerox, 1972. 93 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Short accounts of famous - and one not so famous - athletes who persevered to reach their goals. Included are stories about Wilma Rudolph, Roger Bannister, Wilt Chamberlain, and Lee Trevino. C

THE CHOPPER BUNCH, AND OTHER REVVED-UP TALES.

Jay Schleifer. Xerox, 1974. 96 pp. $.95.

Series PAL Paperbacks.

Seven non-fiction selections about choppers, vans, cannon-balling, demolition derbies, custom cars, and dream cars. Illustrated with black-and-white photographs, this title should be of interest to the motor enthusiast. C

FOOTBALL REPLAY.

Bennet Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1973. 168 pp. $6.57.

Series: Target Books.

The story of the game of football, concentrating on great games, players, and coaches. Since the emphasis is on earlier history, the book should be enjoyed by older readers and will not date quickly. D

THE GREATEST SPORTS STARS: THE ALL-TIME BEST.

Pierre Conan. Xerox, 1978. 95 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Part I features Jim Thorpe and Babe Didrikson as "The Greatest All-Around Athletes," while Part II chooses Babe Ruth, Jimmy Brown, Jack Dempsey, and Jesse Owens as the greatest in their individual sports. The author acknowledges that there is always room for argument about selections of this kind! (In fact, the book might well be used as a discussion-starter.) The stories of Jimmy Brown and Jesse Owens will be especially interesting to Clevelanders. B

HANG GLIDING.

Dorothy Childers Schmitz. Crestwood, 1978. 30 pp. $2.95.

Series: Funseeker.

A book about a sport that is fun to read about even if one has no inclination to attempt it! Illustrated with beautiful color photographs. The text stresses safety and preparation as well as the thrill of gliding. C

JIMMY YOUNG, HEAVYWEIGHT CHALLENGER.

Edward F. Dolan, Jr., and Richard B. Lyttle. Doubleday, 1979. 83 pp. $5.95.

Series: Signal Books.

Even for the reader who is not a boxing enthusiast, this is an interesting and well-written biography of Jimmy Young from his early boxing days to his defeat by Muhammad Ali. It is refreshing to read about a good and dedicated athlete whose successes have not included "The Championship." C

THE PICTURE LIFE OF O.J. SIMPSON.

Jon Jameson. Avon, 1978. Unpaged. $1.75.

Series: Camelot Picture Life.

O.J. Simpson's career, told in a few pages and liberally illustrated with photographs. This is a reprint of the Watts hardback published in 1976, which is no longer available. The book is appealing because of its length and format. C

THE PICTURE LIFE OF REGGIE JACKSON.

Bill Gutman. Avon, 1978. 48 pp. $1.75. (Also: Watts, $5.90.)

Series: Camelot Picture Life.

A capsulization of the famous Yankee's career (his records, his honors, his financial success) and a look at his personal accomplishments and thoughts. A short book, with a photograph accompanying every page. The paperback is recommended over the hardback because of its size and price. B

THE PICTURE LIFE OF STEVIE WONDER.

Audrey Edwards and Gary Wohl. Avon, 1978. Unpaged. $1.75. (Also: Watts, $5.90.)

Series: Camelot Picture Life.

The story of the rise and development of a popular and talented musical performer. The size and price of the paperback edition make it a more attractive purchase than the hardback, which was published in 1977. C

SHADOW OF THE PAST: TRUE LIFE SPORTS STORIES.

Robert Sorenson, Xerox, 1978. 95 pp. $.95.

Series: Bluejeans Books.

Stories about sports figures Wilma Rudolph, Rocky Bleier, Nadia Comaneci, Hank Aaron, Micki King, Bill Walton, and Donald Campbell - all of whom overcame fears or made comebacks. Illustrated with photographs. Unfortunately, the book ends on a depressing note. C

SKYDIVING

Jerolyn Nentl. Crestwood, 1978. 32 pp. $2.95.

Series: Funseeker.

An attractively laid out and illustrated presentation of the elements of skydiving, including history, types of diving, equipment, and training. Interesting even to those who will never put on a parachute.

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SPORTS: A MIRROR OF OUR SOCIETY?

Charles Wrye, ed. Scholastic, 1975. 160 pp. $2.75.

Series: Contact.

An anthology of stories, essays, and plays on sports - their place in our society, their effects on individuals involved, and the future of games in today's world. An interesting and unusual approach to the subject.

C

SUPERSTARS OF SPORTS.

William Folprecht and Diane Lefer. Newbury House, 1979. 42 pp. $1.95.

Series: Newbury House Readers.

Short selections about Bob Richards, Gertrude Ederle, Jim Thorpe, Babe Didrickson, Pelé, Bill Bradley, Pete Rose, and Jesse Owens. Exercises to aid in comprehension and a glossary are included. An interesting and attractive book which does not assume sports knowledge of the reader.

B

TALES OF SPEED.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1973. 32 pp. $2.36.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

In these readable narratives, Stirling Moss wins the British Grand Prix, Donald Campbell is killed breaking the water speed record, and Richard Petty tops $1,000,000 in winnings to set a record in stock car driving.

B

THREE JAZZ GREATS.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1973. 167 pp. $6.57.

Series: Target Books.

W. C. Handy, Louis Armstrong, and Duke Ellington are the subjects of this collective biography which also includes a glossary of "Jazz Talk" and a good index.

D

TV: BEHIND THE TUBE.

Joseph Claro, ed. Scholastic, 1974. 160 pp. $2.75.

Series: Contact.

A collection of essays, TV scripts, comic strips, quizzes, and poems. Aspects of television covered include the importance of TV in American life, TV as big business, the effects of TV viewing, and ways to improve programming. A good book for stimulating thought and starting dicusssions.

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FAMOUS PEOPLE AND FANTASTIC FACTS

AGAINST ALL ODDS: TRUE STORIES OF THOSE WHO OVERCAME.

F. A. Jameson. Xerox, 1974. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Brief biographies of people who overcame great odds: Ray Charles, Cesar Chavez, Helen Keller, Wiley Post, Shirley Chisholm, Audie Murphy, Thomas Edison, and Janice Joplin (whose presence is strange in this company). For the most part, interesting and inspiring. Illustrated with photographs. C

FAMOUS BLACK AMERICANS.

John T. King and Marcet H. King. Steck-Vaughn, 1975. 128 pp. $2.13.

Two-page biographies of forty-five black Americans from past and present, followed by comprehension questions and exercises. Included are several lesser known figures. One or two of the current biographies would profit from updating, but the collection is nevertheless interesting and useful. B

FAMOUS CRIMEFIGHTERS.

Robert D. Larranga. Lerner, 1970. 78 pp. $4.95.

Series: Pull Ahead Books.

The stories of twelve criminologists who pioneered such widely used techniques as fingerprinting, forensic medicine, and handwriting analysis. Intriguing information in an attractively illustrated and arranged book. E

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM: EXCITING STORIES OF REAL PEOPLE.

William Lefkowitz. Xerox, 1976. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Seven short biographies of Americans from the Revolutionary War era. Some - like George Washington and Andrew Jackson - will be recognized by many, while others - such as Deborah Sampson, Paul Cuffe, Sybil Ludington, and Phillis Wheatley - are less famous but no less interesting. B

FOUR TOOK FREEDOM.

Philip Sterling and Rayford Logan. Doubleday, 1967. 116 pp. $2.50.

Series: Zenith Books.

Biographies of Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Robert Smalls, and Blanche K. Bruce. Well researched and presented. D

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FOUR WOMEN OF COURAGE.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1975. 167 pp. $6.57.

Series: Target Books.

Fascinating biographies of Helen Keller, Linda Richards, Dorothea Dix, and Jacqueline Cochran, written in a readable style. B

FRAUDS, HOAXES, AND SWINDLES.

Daniel Cohen. Watts, 1979. 92 pp. $6.90. (Also: Dell, $1.25.)

Series: Triumph.

Six con men or hoaxes - including Clifford Irving's bogus biography of Howard Hughes and schemes to convince people that they are the missing heirs to the Sir Walter Drake fortune - are described. A chapter on fraud in today's world rounds out the book. C

GREAT DISASTERS: FAMOUS TRAGEDIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

Pat McCarthy, ed. Xerox, 1974. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Stories of the San Francisco earthquake, Chicago fire, wreck of the Titanic, burning of the Hindenburg, and four other famous disasters. Illustrated with photographs and contemporary drawings. Interesting reading without being sensationalized. D

GREAT IDEAS!

Martha B. Arduff and Eileen J. Seaward. Newbury House, 1980. 63 pp. $2.80.

Series: Newbury House Readers.

Short readings about inventions which have become commonplace items in modern life. From the ballpoint pen and false teeth to the vacuum cleaner and blue jeans, the subjects make entertaining reading. Comprehension exercises (but no answers) are included. D

INDIAN PATRIOTS OF THE GREAT WEST.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1974. 167 pp. $6.57.

Series: Target Books.

Biographies of Sitting Bull (Sioux), Crazy Horse (Sioux), Quanah Parker (Comanche), and Chief Joseph (Nex Perce). The pace of the readings could be a bit faster, but they are thought-provoking. D

MEN OF THE WILD FRONTIER.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1974. 167 pp. $6.57.

Series: Target Books.

The biographies of four adventurers who helped to push the American frontier westward: Daniel Boone, Andrew Jackson, Davy Crockett, and Sam Houston. Indian Patriots of the Great West (above) is a good counterpoint to this title. C

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PORTRAITS OF AMERICANS.

Lewis Jones, adap. Newbury House, 1979. 33 pp. $1.95.

Series: Newbury House Readers.

Short biographies of four unusual Americans of disparate backgrounds and interests: Grandma Moses, Jesse Owens, P. T. Barnum, and Snowshoe Thompson. Comprehension questions appended. B

PROFILES: A COLLECTION OF SHORT BIOGRAPHIES.

Zacharie Clements and Leon T. Burrell. Globe, 1975. 231 pp. $4.32.

Components: Teacher's guide free upon request.

Twenty-four interesting and well-written biographies of men and women of different races, backgrounds, and professions who have contributed to American life. The book was written for children, and many of the instructions for the exercises are condescending to adults, but the exercises can be skipped. B

TALES OF FLYING.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1970. 32 pp. $2.36.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Stories of the accomplishments of the Wright Brothers, Charles Lindbergh, and Amy Johnson, the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia. Good reading at a low level. A

TALES OF INVENTION.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1973. 32 pp. $2.36.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

The lives of three inventors - Guglielmo Marconi (radio), Charles Goodyear (rubber), and John Baird (television) - who triumphed over poverty, ridicule, and repeated failure. B

THEY LOVED THE LAND.

Bennet Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1974. 168 pp. $6.57.

Series: Target Books.

The stories of four Americans - John James Audubon, John Muir, Luther Burbank, and Rachel Carson - who left their marks in the field of natural history. The dedication and love of nature of these naturalists comes across as well as their accomplishments. C

THE WOLF KING, AND OTHER TRUE ANIMAL STORIES.

J. A. Senn. Xerox, 1978. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Seven fictionalized accounts, based on actual happenings, of animals' relationships with man. B

THE WORLD'S DARKEST DAYS: STORIES OF GREAT TRAGEDIES OF THE PAST.

Steven Otfinoski. Xerox, 1977. 96 pp. $.95.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

The stories of Krakatoa, Pompeii, Donner Pass, the Bubonic Plague, and Hiroshima. A mixture of fact and speculation in a somewhat sensational style. Entertaining reading, but readers should be advised to look elsewhere for hard historical fact. C

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FEELINGS ILLUSTRATED, 4 volumes.

New Readers Press, 1977. 32 pp. ea. $4.75/set.

Four books of captioned black-and-white photographs: A

Laughing
Loving
Playing
Working

There are only about 150 words in each of the volumes. They are good discussion starters, and the adult new reader can get a sense of accomplishment at being able to finish a whole book in one sitting.

NEWS FOR YOU, Editions A and B.

New Readers Press, weekly. 4 - 8 pp. $6.00/yr.

Components: Instructor's Aid supplied free with two or more subscriptions.

A weekly tabloid of current news stories written well below the level of most newspapers. (The Cleveland Plain Dealer, for instance, is written at about the tenth grade reading level, according to the Gunning Fog Index.) Although the stories are quite short and greatly simplified, the format and the content of the newspaper is adult. Edition A is written at the fifth/sixth grade level and Edition B at sixth/seventh. Specify edition when ordering. C-E

TWELVE ANGRY MEN, AND OTHER PLAYS.

Editors of Scholastic Scope Magazine. Scholastic, 1971. 124 pp. $1.65

Components: Teacher's guide free with 25 or more copies.

Series: Scope Plays.

Four plays dealing with people in crisis. These interesting adult plays are good practice for the adult new reader who wishes to tackle this genre of writing, one which can be confusing to the inexperienced reader. B

GUIDELINES TO TEACHING REMEDIAL READING.

Lillie Pope. Book-Lab, rev. ed., 1975. 192 pp. $8.95 hardcover, $4.95 soft.

A complete handbook on one-on-one tutoring, including sections on reasons some people have difficulty learning to read, relating to the adult student, inventorying a student's abilities, and methods of teaching reading. A thorough presentation.

I WISH I COULD WRITE! IDEAS FOR INSPIRING NEW WRITERS.

Joan Barasovska. New Readers Press, 1978. 40 pp. $1.50.

Twenty-five lesson plans to encourage adult new readers to write as a means of expression and of strengthening reading skills. Includes many samples of students' writing. An extension of some of the ideas in Using Language Experience, below.

TUTOR: TECHNIQUES USED IN THE TEACHING OF READING.

Ruth J. Colvin and Jane H. Root. Literacy Volunteers, rev. ed., 1974. 96 pp. $4.50.

A handbook for those with no technical training in the teaching of reading who wish to teach adults and teenagers. Step-by-step instructions are provided to help the tutor evaluate her student, use various instructional methods, plan a lesson, and become sensitive to the needs of the non-reader.

USING LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE WITH ADULTS: A GUIDE FOR TEACHERS.

Katherine Kennedy and Stephanie Roeder. New Readers Press, 1975. 40 pp. $1.50.

A thorough discussion of the method of using a student's own words and experience to teach reading. This method is also explained - but in far less detail and with fewer examples - in the two handbooks mentioned above.

USING READABILITY: FORMULAS FOR EASY ADULT MATERIALS.

Robert S. Laubach and Kay Koschnick. New Readers Press, 1977. 40 pp. $1.50.

Clear and complete instructions on how to apply the Gunning Fog Index and the Fry Readability Graph, as well as some discussion about what factors combine to make one book more readable than another.

Of interest to those who wish to preserve consumable materials for use by others:

Plastic overlay sheets for use with wipe-off pencils and water soluble felt pens. Available from Book Lab for $3.20 for a packet of 12. These sheets are durable, almost stick to the workbook pages by themselves, and do clean off easily. The wipe-off pencils from Book Lab, however, are not satisfactory; they are small and break easily so that after only a few sharpenings - all of which could occur in one tutoring session - they are too small to hold comfortably. Tutors have also reported success using onionskin as an overlay sheet. It is not as easy to read through as plastic sheets, but it makes a fine writing surface for the ordinary lead pencil.

ADDRESSES OF PUBLISHERS

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Boston, MA 02210

American Bible Society
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Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10017

Amsco School Publications, Inc.
315 Hudson St.
New York, NY 10013

Ann Arbor Publishers, Inc.
P.O. Box 7249
Naples, FL 33940

Avon Camelot Books
959 Eighth Ave.
New York, NY 10019

Barron's Educational Services, Inc.
113 Crossways Park Dr.
Woodbury, NY 11797

Book-Lab, Inc.
1449 Thirty-Seventh St.
Brooklyn, NY 11218

Cambridge, The Basic Skills Company
888 Seventh Ave.
New York, NY 10019

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180 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60601

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P.O. Box 3427
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Mankato, MN 56001

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New York, NY 10017

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79 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10016

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Garden City, NY 11530

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2 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016

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180 E. Sixth St.
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Hayward, CA 94545

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220 18th St.
Bakerfield, CA 93301

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Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.
Sixth Floor, Midtown Plaza
700 East Water St.
Syracuse, NY 13210

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19 West 44th St.
New York, NY 10036

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2900 Queen Lane
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1221 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10020

New Readers Press
Box 131
Syracuse, NY 13210

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Rowley, MA 01969

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Storybook Acres, Box 68
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Oxford University Press
English Language Teaching Dept.
200 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10016

Pitman Learning, Inc.
6 Davis Drive
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1230 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10020

Prentice-Hall
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632

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Educational Division
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Xerox Education Publications
1250 Fairwood Ave.
P.O. Box 16629
Columbus, OH 43216

Franklin Watts, Inc.
A Grolier Company
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New York, NY 10019

SERIES COMMENTS

ABLEST (Pitman)

A series of five titles about community services, government and law, health, money management, and occupations. Each is heavily illustrated and has only a few words on each page. The titles are designed to introduce a subject rather than to cover it in depth. A $36.00 curriculum guide, which contains over 150 duplicatable practice sheets and pre- and post-tests amplifies the life skills presented in the texts. Although the publisher claims a first-to-third grade reading range for the titles, the three that are recommended in this bibliography were rated at the fifth and sixth grade level. The two titles not recommended were found to be sketchier in their coverage and more difficult to understand. Titles in this bibliography are:

Community Services, p. 41
Government and Law, p. 42
Occupations, p. 37

Accent/Family Finances (Follett)

The four titles in this series present information on personal finances in the format of a continuing story into which questions and exercises are woven. Although the figures are out-of-date, the principles remain sound, and the presentations are interesting. The three titles which are about situations not thoroughly covered in other titles in this bibliography are:

Family of Five, p. 25
Head of Household, p. 26
Just Married, p. 26

Accent/Jobs (Follett)

Of the three titles in this series, the one recommended contains up-to-date information applicable to many areas of work, while the others are too specific in their details about the day-to-day aspects of a particular job and somewhat out-of-date in their coverage of that job.

Paycheck, p. 37

Archie (Dynamic Programs)

A series of three titles which deal with the "contemporary world of work, depicting black characters gradually improving their lives." The characters speak in black English. The layout and spacing of type is sometimes confusing, and there are a few typographical and technical errors in the books. In spite of these drawbacks, the first book of the series has been recommended in this bibliography. The story is realistic, straightforward, and compelling. The plot of Book II was found to be repetitive, tangled, and unbelievable, and the third book was not received in time for review. The recommended title:

The Bridge, p. 48

Be Informed (New Readers Press)

The series consists of twenty 40-page booklets, each with exercises and answers, on various aspects of daily living. Each unit is punched for a three-ring binder. The units may be purchased separately, or the entire series may be purchased in two ring-bound, color-tabbed volumes for $17.50 per volume. A free eight-page teacher's guide for the series is included with each order for any combination of ten or more units. Most of the units are well written and interesting and cover their topics thoroughly. Some of the titles were omitted from this bibliography because the information in them is presented in similar or even more comprehensive fashions in other titles by New Readers Press. Recommended titles are:

Be Informed on Banking, p. 23
Be Informed on Buying a House, p. 23
Be Informed on Finding a Job, p. 35
Be Informed on Mental Retardation, p. 30
Be Informed on Money, p. 23
Be Informed on News Media, p. 2
Be Informed on Personal Credit, p. 24
Be Informed on Personal Insurance, p. 24
Be Informed on Pollution, p. 40
Be Informed on Population, p. 40
Be Informed on Renting a Place to Live, p. 24
Be Informed on Using Measurements, p. 16
Be Informed on Using the Library, p. 2

Bestellers (Pitman)

Bestellers I, II, and III consists of thirty fiction titles in the format and style of bestselling paperbacks. In the series are mystery, suspense, adventure, romance, and science fiction. The reading levels are third and fourth grade, and the interest level is adult. All books are illustrated with black-and-white line drawings. Many of the stories are compelling and well written. All of the titles in the series were evaluated, and the ones included in this bibliography are:

Animals, p. 52
Bad Moon, p. 52
Candy Man, p. 53
Counterfeit, p. 53
Crash Dive, p. 53
Demeter Star, p. 53
Diamonds in the Dirt, p. 54
Dream of the Dead, p. 62
Flight to Fear, p. 54
Gypsy, p. 49
I Died Here, p. 63
North to Oak Island, p. 57
Secret Spy, p. 57
Silvabamba, p. 65
So Wild a Dream, p. 57
Star Gold, p. 65
Three Mile House, p. 59
Tiger, Lion, Hawk, p. 60
The Time Trap, p. 65
The Verlaine Crossing, p. 60
Wet Fire, p. 60

A teacher's guide for the series is available for $3.56; it is free with the purchase of all thirty titles.

Bluejeans Books (Xerox)

A mini-series of six titles similar in format and content to the well-known PAL Paperbacks series. The quality of the stories varies greatly, and the only title recommended is:

Shadow of the Past, p. 68

Books in Easy English (Longman)

A series of twelve original titles, both fiction and non-fiction, for young adults and adults from a British publisher of English language teaching materials now marketing heavily in the United States. The books range in difficulty from ones written in a base vocabulary of 500 words to those written in a 1,500-word vocabulary. Some of the titles are still in the process of being reviewed for possible inclusion in a proposed supplement to this bibliography, and two are listed in this edition:

Is Anybody There?, p. 20
UFO's, p. 65

Cambridge Pre-GED Program (Cambridge)

One of the easiest to use and most comprehensible and relevant beginning GED preparation programs. Titles in the 1980 edition of this program which were reviewed for this bibliography and are recommended:

Introduction to English, p. 5
Introduction to Mathematics: Book 1, p. 17
Introduction to Reading, p. 5

Camelot Picture Life (Avon)

Six biographies and collected biographies of figures in sports and entertainment. Since they are all about current stars, these books needed updating the moment they were issued, but three remain interesting in spite of this drawback:

The Picture Life of O.J. Simpson, p. 68
The Picture Life of Reggie Jackson, p. 68
The Picture Life of Stevie Wonder, p. 68

Case Studies in American History (Globe)

Three interesting paperbacks on aspects of American life and culture: the struggle for civil equality, dealings of the U.S. government with Native Americans, and immigrant life in the United States. Titles in the bibliography are:

Conscience versus Law, p. 41
Cultures in Conflict, p. 42

Consumer Education (EMC)

A program of ten texts, written at the third and fourth grade reading levels, and accompanying workbooks and read-along cassettes, on various aspects of consumer education. Each text comes with a teacher's booklet. The cassettes were not considered for this bibliography, and none of the workbooks were judged acceptable. Five of the texts, however, which present consumer information in a story format, hold reader interest quite well and contain useful and accurate information:

Health Care for the Wongs, p. 32
More Food for Your Money, p. 27
Put Your Money Down, p. 28
State Your Claim!, p. 28
When Things Don't Work, p. 29

Contact (Scholastic)

Seventeen units on the individual, society, and communication, each consisting of 31 texts, 31 student log books, an LP recording or sound filmstrip, and a teaching manual. The texts are available separately for $2.75. Each text covers its topic through short stories, plays, poems, songs, dialogues, and articles. The series is aimed at 7th - 12th grade students, but some of the titles are appropriate for adults:

Sports: A Mirror of Our Society, p. 69
This Land Is Your Land, p. 44
TV: Behind the Tube, p. 69

Delta Readers (Oxford)

The publisher's catalog describes this adventure series as "set in various foreign locales." To date, only one title has been published:

The Fisherman of Sadang, p. 46

Dodd, Mead Hi-Lo (Dodd, Mead)

A series of high interest/low vocabulary books designed for "upper elementary students and older reluctant readers." Of the twenty-odd titles, two are included in this bibliography:

Missing!, p. 56
Creatures from UFO's, p. 61

Double Action (Scholastic)

A group of 25 novels at the 4th and 5th grade reading levels designed for high school students reading below grade level. The main characters are teenagers just out of high school and on their first jobs. The paperback format is appealing. Most of the stories are illustrated with photographs, a few with drawings. While most of the stories are of interest only to teenagers and many of the plots are repetitive and predictable, four of the titles have been recommended for reasons cited in the individual reviews:

The Air Freight Mystery, p. 52
The Drop-In, p. 48
The Firefighter, p. 49
Rosina Torres, LPN, p. 50

Family Development (Steck-Vaughn)

Ten titles adapted from materials produced by a project at the University of Wisconsin intended to teach life-coping skills and to develop decision-making ability. Each text includes short chapters followed by questions; answer keys are in the back. All titles have been recommended. Although the publisher claims a 4th to 6th grade reading level for the series, our analyses rate the titles at 6th and 7th grade levels. The titles are:

Becoming a More Effective Person, p. 30
Being an Informed Citizen, p. 40
Buying Guides, p. 24
Communicating with Others, p. 31
Family Money Management, p. 25
Health, Safety, and Sanitation, p. 33
Understanding Yourself, p. 33
Where to Go, Who to See, What to Do, p. 45
Working with Others, p. 38
Your Family, p. 34

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Follett Coping Skills (Follett)

A series of sixteen workbooks in the areas of consumer economics, occupational knowledge, mental and physical health, community resources, and government and law. The books are written on the 4th through 7th grade reading levels. Six titles were received in time for review for this publication, and all of them were found to be attractive and easy to follow. Information is presented step-by-step, and pertinent facts are repeated and reinforced. Answers are in the books. Titles in this bibliography are:

Budgeting, p. 24
Finding Work, p. 35
Getting Medical Assistance, p. 31
Job Interviews, p. 36
Using Community Resources, p. 44
Using Transportation, p. 28

Funseeker (Crestwood)

Twelve books on "high interest" individual sports and leisure-time activities. The books are available in both hardback and paperback, but only the paperbacks were considered for inclusion in this bibliography; the hardbacks are expensive and juvenile in appearance. The two titles chosen were seen to be of more general interest than the other titles, even to those not involved in the sports:

Hang Gliding, p. 68
Skydiving, p. 69

Galaxy 5 (Pitman)

A set of six science fiction titles by Leo P. Kelley about astronauts whose mission is to establish a human colony on a distant planet. Among the students of beginning reading and adult basic education who were reviewers for this bibliography, there was little interest in science fiction. A survey done by Project: LEARN also showed only a small interest in this genre. For this and other reasons, only two titles in this series were recommended. They are:

Dead Moon, p. 61
King of the Stars, p. 63

A teacher's guide is free with the purchase of the entire series or can be purchased for $3.56.

Janus Survival Guides (Janus)

Nine titles on various practical living skills. They are all oriented toward the teenage reader and use teenage situations and problems as examples. Each is illustrated in cartoon fashion and uses somewhat

"hip" language. Since most of the topics covered are better presented for adults in other publications, only one title is recommended in this bibliography:

Finding a Good Used Car, p. 25

Jim Hunter Books (Pitman)

Twelve titles about secret agent Jim Hunter. Length, type style, and reading level progress from shorter books with balloon captions at lower reading levels to longer books with regular type at higher reading levels. Although the publisher rates the books at reading levels of grade 1 - 3, our Gunning Fog analyses rated most of them at the 4th grade level. While the series looked most promising at first glance, some of the stories were quite confusing, and others failed to hold interest. In the final analysis, only three were listed in the bibliography:

Jim and the Sun Goddess, p. 56
Jim in Training, p. 56
The Missing Aircraft, p. 56

A teacher's guide is available for $1.00 (or comes free with the series) but is not recommended.

Justice in America (Houghton Mifflin)

Six books on the topic, all of which are above the reading level for this bibliography. One title, however, contains important information for the adult new reader which is not well covered in books written at lower reading levels:

Crimes and Justice, p. 41

Kern Adult Literacy (Kern Adult Literacy Council)

The Kern Adult Literacy Council (a National Affiliation for Literacy Advance project) produces pamphlet format publications for the adult new reader written in vocabulary controlled to the Skill Books of the New Streamlined English series. There are about thirty titles available, ranging from stories for adults to read to children to materials on coping skills. The pamphlets have a homemade appearance because of the quality of the paper, type, reproduction, and covers; they are inexpensively produced and sell for cost. The titles are particularly useful to those using the New Streamlined English series, but at least two titles are worth consideration by others as well:

My Friend, Anna, p. 49
The Story of Paul: A True Story, p. 51

Laura Brewster Books (Pitman)

The six Laura Brewster books are Nancy Drew mysteries for the adult new reader! As an insurance investigator, Laura travels the world getting to the bottom of one mysterious death after another. While two of the titles are repetitive and predictable, the four recommended are fresh and fun:

Falling Star, p. 54
Fast Food King, p. 54
House of Laughs, p. 55
Tiger Rose, p. 60

The series guide is $3.56, or free with the purchase of all six titles.

Lifeline (Pitman)

Seven short contemporary novels written at the third and fourth grade reading levels about turning points in people's lives. All of the titles are competently written; some are excellent. These pocket-sized paperbacks are not illustrated, but the large print is arranged in "natural word groupings" rather than in lines that break randomly, a feature which makes reading flow more smoothly for the inexperienced reader. Each title includes questions to stimulate further thinking. A curriculum guide which contains plot summaries, vocabulary data, comprehension questions, and language related activities on reproducible worksheets is available for $10.00. The titles in the series are:

A Family from Vietnam, p. 48
Juan and Lucy, p. 49
Mollie's Year, p. 49
A Place for Everyone, p. 50
The Shoplifting Game, p. 50
So Long, Snowman, p. 50
A Time to Choose, p. 51

Lifeworks (McGraw-Hill)

A series of twenty-one titles (some not yet released) which focuses on "improving the adult learner's ability to cope with everyday life situations while developing basic skills in reading, writing, and math." Actually, many of the books are two titles in one binding, and the reader may not always be interested in both sections. The books are profusely illustrated and are filled with pre- and post-tests, exercises, summaries, and enrichment activities. Answers are in the books. The series is still in the process of being evaluated, but the following titles are recommended at this point:

Advertising Techniques and Consumer Fraud, p. 23
Getting Ready for the World of Work, p. 35
Moving On and Getting Utilities and Saving Energy, p. 27
A Realistic Job Search, p. 38
The Reality of Work and Promotion, p. 38
Realizing What's Available in the World of Work, p. 38
You and the World of Work, p. 39

Living in America (Steck-Vaughn)

Four titles intended to provide a "comprehensive, historical survey of America for the mature learner." America's Early Years and Twentieth Century America outline the history of the United States, stressing the contributions of many different people; Democracy in Action covers government and citizenship. The title not recommended was considered too simplistic in its approach to the subject. Recommended titles:

America's Early Years, p. 40
Democracy in Action, p. 42
Twentieth Century America, p. 44

Living Law (Scholastic)

Two softcover texts, each with its own teaching guide ($3.50) and spirit master book ($9.95), on the American legal system and how it affects individual citizens. Designed for use in high schools. Well illustrated with line drawings and photographs. Numerous activities, projects, and suggestions for further reading are scattered throughout the books. The titles are:

Civil Law, p. 41
Criminal Law, p. 41

Longman Simplified English (Longman)

A series of eighteen adapted British classics, many of which were not received in time for comprehensive evaluation. The publisher is British, and there are British spellings and expressions in the books. The two titles listed below are excellent adaptations which retain the flavor of their originals:

Jane Eyre, p. 55
Wuthering Heights, p. 60

Longman Structural Readers (Longman)

Eighty-two titles, ranging in difficulty from cartoon format books in 300-word vocabularies to sophisticated titles in 1,800-word vocabularies. A handbook is available for $1.25 which details the principles

governing this series, which is made up of fiction and non-fiction on dozens of different subjects. Longman is a British publisher of books for adults learning English, and the titles do contain some Britishisms. Time did not allow thorough review of all the titles. The following are recommended:

Animals Dangerous to Man, p. 20
Car Thieves, p. 53
Detectives from Scotland Yard, p. 54
The Face on the Screen, p. 63
Girl against the Jungle, p. 55
The House near the Sea, p. 55
How Life Began, p. 20
The Lost Love, p. 64
A Scandal in Bohemia, p. 57

New Method Supplementary Readers (Longman)

Simplified adaptations of classics of English literature and children's fiction by a British publisher. Many of the fifty-one titles are more suitable for children than for adults, but several titles seem promising. The series is still in the process of evaluation. The following title is recommended:

Three Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, p. 59

Newbury House Readers (Newbury House)

Seventeen illustrated, graded leisure readers for high school students and adults studying English as a second language but also appropriate for other adult new readers. Some of the titles are still forthcoming, but of those published, the following are recommended:

Call of the Wild, p. 52
Great Ideas!, p. 71
Murder in the Language Lab, p. 56
Portraits of Americans, p. 72
Superstars of Sports, p. 69

Pacemaker Practical Arithmetic (Pitman)

Four easy-to-read text/workbooks which use reproductions of United States coins and currency in money-related problems to teach fundamental arithmetic skills. The illustrations are clear and the problems practical. The newest title in the series was not received in time for evaluation, but two titles are recommended:

Using Dollars and Sense, p. 19
Working Makes Sense, p. 19

Pacemaker True Adventures (Pitman)

An eleven-book series, each book with three true stories of adventure or accomplishment. The books are short, the reading levels third or fourth grade, and the typeface large and easy to read. They are illustrated with black-and-white line drawings which, although they do not add a great deal to the stories, do break up the text comfortably for the adult new reader. There are a few typographical errors in the books which the new reader may catch. All of the titles were considered and all but one are recommended:

Tales of Escape, p. 58
Tales of Explorers, p. 58
Tales of Flying, p. 72
Tales of Invention, p. 72
Tales of Pirates, p. 58
Tales of Railroads, p. 59
Tales of Rescue, p. 59
Tales of Shipwreck, p. 59
Tales of Speed, p. 69
Tales of Spies, p. 59

PAL Paperbacks (Xerox)

Xerox's well-known series of ninety pocket-sized paperback books. Many of the titles are obviously intended for teenagers, and these were eliminated from consideration immediately; most of these were collections of short stories about high school problems or teen romances. The remaining titles - all of them collections of short fiction pieces, jokes, fantastic facts, or "true" stories - vary greatly in quality. Some are silly, some gory and violent, some superficial, and some intriguing and well written. The titles are available in four "kits," each at a different reading level and with a teacher's guide to the kit included, or for $.95 each. The following titles are included in this bibliography:

Against All Odds, p. 70
Buried Alive, p. 52
Champions All, p. 67
The Chopper Bunch, p. 67
Earth's Hidden Mysteries, p. 62
Fight for Freedom, p. 70
Good Times - Bad Times, p. 42
Great Disasters, p. 71
Greatest Sports Stars, p. 67
His Chute Didn't Open, p. 55
Living Monsters, p. 63
The Monster That Wouldn't Die, p. 64
The Night the Sky Lit Up, p. 57
Outer Limits of the Mind, p. 64
Real-Life Adventures, p. 57
The Red Ghost, p. 21
True Ghost Stories, p. 65
The Wolf King, p. 73
The World of Animals, p. 21
The World's Darkest Days, p. 73

People Working Today (Janus)

Ten stories about teenage workers and their experiences on their first jobs. Two of the titles transcend this young adult orientation and speak to the adult as well:

Julie at the Pumps, p. 36
Tony, the Night Custodian, p. 38

Practical Communications Skills (New Readers Press)

Three workbook-sized texts on everyday communications skills involving writing and speaking. All are clearly written and attractively laid out. A teacher's guide and exercise booklet is available for each title:

Filling Out Forms, p. 4
Using the Telephone, p. 14
Writing to Others, p. 15

Practice in Survival Reading (New Readers Press)

Eight booklets, each of which contains twenty-five two-page illustrated lessons on its topic. Each lesson consists of a sample of the type of reading being covered, followed by ten questions designed to develop reading comprehension on three levels: locating facts, interpreting facts, and applying facts. (Machine-Age Riddles is an exception to this format.) Each book includes a word list and answer key. The only title in the series not recommended in this bibliography was written at too high a reading level. Recommended titles are:

It's on the Map, p. 6
Label Talk, p. 6
Let's Look It Up, p. 6
Machine-Age Riddles, p. 6
Read the Instructions First, p. 9
Signs around Town, p. 10
Your Daily Paper, p. 15

PreGED Basic Skills (McGraw-Hill)

Five workbooks modeled on the new G.E.D. test and written below the level of the actual examination. Practice questions, pre- and post-tests, helpful hints for studying, and carefully explained answers contribute to the usefulness of these volumes. The titles on social studies skills and science skills are written at levels above the maximum set for this bibliography. Recommended titles are:

Basic Mathematics Skills, p. 16
Basic Reading Skills, p. 1
Basic Writing Skills, p. 1

Project: LEARN Writers Group (Project: LEARN)

This group (part of a National Affiliation for Literacy Advance project) has produced about thirty booklets of stories and information on various subjects of interest or importance to adult new readers. The booklets are in vocabulary that is controlled to the Skill Books of the New Streamlined

English series, but several of the titles will be of interest to students not using that series as well. The titles are inexpensively produced and sold for cost; the quality of the paper, type, reproduction, and covers gives the books a homemade appearance. The two titles recommended in this bibliography are:

Places to Visit in Cleveland: Museums, p. 44
Studying for an Ohio Driver's License, p. 28

Pull Ahead Books (Lerner)

Sixteen collected biographies written for junior and senior high school students reading below grade level. They are of adult interest and are well laid out and attractively illustrated, but many of the titles are at too high a reading level for this bibliography. Recommended is:

Famous Crimefighters, p. 70

Reading for Survival (Cambridge)

Seven adult-interest books designed to develop functional literacy and practical life skills at the same time. The first three titles, for the lowest level reader, are designed to be used in a classroom with a teacher and would be difficult and confusing for the student working alone. The last two titles are too difficult for inclusion in this bibliography. The recommended titles are:

Reading Competence, p. 9
Reading Improvement, p. 10

Science for You (Steck-Vaughn)

A series of six workbooks designed for students in grades one through six with special learning needs; three of the titles are also useful for adults. (The others are too juvenile in appearance.) The reading level of each book is below the scientific level of the materials presented. Difficult words are spelled phonetically. There are ample practice exercises. Titles recommended are:

You Can Discover, p. 21
You Can Experience, p. 21
You Can Explore, p. 22

Scope Plays (Scholastic)

Ten anthologies of stage plays, teleplays, screenplays, adaptations of short stories, and plays written by students. A teacher's guide is included free with 25 or more copies of any one title. Some of the plays are of particular appeal to teenagers. The series is still in the process of review.

Scope Skills Books (Scholastic)

Eighteen workbooks for class or individual learning through stories, puzzles, exercises, articles, and essays. Most of the titles are aimed at improving reading skills; a few present consumer or career skills. Some of the workbooks will be of interest only to teenagers, and all of them are presented in a format intended to be appealing to young adults. The following recommended titles, however, will be useful for adults as well:

Chillers and Thrillers, p. 2
Reading Efficiency, p. 9
Vocabulary Improvement, p. 14

Search for the Unknown (Crestwood)

Six titles on unexplained phenomena, each a factual presentation on both sides of the issue. Illustrated with drawings and photographs. The books are available in hardback as well as paperback but were considered too expensive and juvenile in appearance in that format. The series is still being evaluated. The following title is recommended at this point:

Bermuda Triangle, p. 61

Signal Books (Doubleday)

Over sixty titles make up this series for children and young adults, which purports to be high interest/low vocabulary. Indeed, some of the titles can be so classified, but others are at a sufficiently high reading level to be suspect in this category. The quality of writing and format and the interest levels also vary. Many of the titles will not be appealing to adults. However, at least three titles were found to be appropriate for inclusion in this bibliography:

Jimmy Young, Heavyweight Challenger, p. 68
The Secret Ship, p. 46
The Spy Who Never Was, p. 58

Skinny Books (Pitman)

A new line of illustrated high interest/low vocabulary books for teens. The books are of varying quality. Most are of little interest to anyone over the age of 16, but the one recommended in this bibliography uses older teenagers in a story on a subject that is important to adults as well as to young adults:

Saving the Big-Deal Baby, p. 50

Space Police (Pitman)

Six space-age cops and robbers stories of varying interest, all by Leo P. Kelley. The books are not illustrated except for four garishly colored pages stapled into the center of each one. These pictures were added after the first printing but, since they add nothing to the story, could easily have been left out. The two titles which we felt would be of interest to more than the science fiction buff are:

Backward in Time, p. 61
Earth Two, p. 62

A teacher's guide for the series is available for $3.56, or is free with the purchase of the entire series.

Specter (Pitman)

All eight titles of this series by Anita Jackson are eerie easy readers in the tradition of The Twilight Zone, and all of them catch and hold the reader's attention. The books are short - some of them very short - and are printed in large, readable type. The only illustrations are at the beginning of each chapter, but the chapters are short and satisfying, and the books are well paced so that the reader does not become bogged down in print even in the longer books. A teacher's guide is free with the purchase of the entire series. It can also be purchased separately for $3.56. The individual titles are:

The Actor, p. 61
A Deadly Game, p. 62
Dreams, p. 62
The Ear, p. 62
The '57 T-Bird, p. 63
Homecoming, p. 63
No Rent to Pay, p. 64
ZB4, p. 66

Spectra Program: People and the City (Scott Foresman)

Sixteen booklets on the problems and responsibilities of urban living. The books are sophisticated in content and are at the upper end of the reading scale for this bibliography; some are actually above the maximum reading level. Teacher Tactics 1, which covers the four titles recommended in this bibliography, is available for $1.80. It includes teaching ideas, activities, and tests. (There is also a Teacher Tactics for the entire series, available for $3.75.) Recommended titles are:

200 People and the City: Buyers Beware, p. 27
People and the City: Crime and Safety, p. 43
People and the City: Housing Conflicts, p. 43
People and the City: Moving In, p. 43 201

Sundown Books (New Readers Press)

A series of four novels, two of which have not yet been reviewed for this bibliography. The stories are about people dealing realistically and sensitively with personal changes, stresses, and problems. Both of the titles read, and recommended, are compelling reading:

A Dream with Storms, p. 48
Take Care of Millie, p. 51

Survival (Crestwood)

Edited by Outdoor Life writer Ben East, this series of eight titles is about human survival in the wilds. The series is available in hardback as well as paperback, but the hardbacks are expensive and juvenile in appearance. The three most suspenseful and compelling titles are:

Forty Days Lost, p. 54
Frozen Terror, p. 55
Trapped in Devil's Hole, p. 60

Target Books (Garrard)

Eighteen collected biographies of famous Americans, past and present, in all walks of life. All are profusely illustrated with drawings and photographs. They are written at the fourth through sixth grade reading levels. Intended for upper elementary school age children, the books are nonetheless mature in appearance. The series is still in the process of review; the following titles can be recommended at this point:

Big League Pitchers and Catchers, p. 67
Football Replay, p. 67
Four Women of Courage, p. 71
Indian Patriots of the Great West, p. 71
Men of the Wild Frontier, p. 71
They Loved the Land, p. 72
Three Jazz Greats, p. 69

Triumph Books (Watts)

Twenty illustrated high interest/low vocabulary titles - some fiction, some non-fiction - for junior and senior high school students. Many of the titles will not be of interest to adults, and some are inaccurate or confusing to the adult new reader. At least two titles, however, are suitable for the adult learning to read:

Frauds, Hoaxes, and Swindles, p. 71
Psychic Stories, Strange but True, p. 64

Turk Tonelli (Dynamic Programs)

In two titles, high school student Don (Turk) Tonelli "looks for an alternative to joining his father in a blue collar job and finds the Army training program provides him with a way out." In spite of some typographical errors and unusual spacings of print which interrupt the reading flow, the books are readable and interesting. The titles are:

Dark to Bright Future, p. 48
Winning Twice, p. 51

Webster Everyreaders (McGraw-Hill)

An older series of adapted classics for children, a few titles of which are still in print. Only Cases of Sherlock Holmes was received in time for evaluation although other titles appearing in Publisher's Trade List Annual were ordered:

Cases of Sherlock Holmes, p. 53

Wheels (New Readers Press)

Three texts on the various aspects of owning, maintaining, and operating an automobile. They are all well written and well illustrated and make interesting reading. The titles are:

Becoming a Car Owner, p. 24
Maintaining Your Car, p. 26
Taking the Wheel, p. 28

You and Others on the Job (New Readers Press)

A set of three titles, each also available separately, intended to develop skills for handling personal problems and interpersonal relations on the job. Each book is the realistic story of a worker new to his or her field and the adjustments and accommodations that he or she must make. A teacher's guide for the series (1979, $1.25) gives teaching suggestions for each of the readers and includes a chart of skills in communication and interpersonal relations necessary for job satisfaction. A thoughtfully written series on an important topic. The titles are:

Carlos: With My Own Hands, p. 35
Melanie: Proving Myself, p. 36
Paul: But What Suits Me?, p. 37

Young Homemakers at Work (Pitman)

Three titles on the various aspects of meal planning and preparation, including information on budgeting, nutrition, and setting up a kitchen:

Getting Ready to Cook, p. 25
Planning Meals and Shopping, p. 27
The Young Homemaker's Cookbook, p. 29

Zenith Books (Doubleday)

A series of books about the roles of minority groups in the growth and development of the United States. Although the publisher claims sixth grade reading level for the titles, the series is not intended to be high/low, and many of the titles are too difficult for inclusion in this bibliography. Not all of the titles have been read, but at least one can be recommended:

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As a Child Grows, p.30

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Be Informed on Money, p.23

Be Informed on News Media, p.2

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Be Informed on Personal Insurance, p.24

Be Informed on Pollution, p.40

Be Informed on Population, p.40

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This is a subjectively selected list of readings on adult literacy, library service to the adult new reader, and the selection of adult interest/low reading level materials, including several bibliographies of books for the adult new reader. These recommended readings are those that proved most useful in the preparation of Books for Adult New Readers.

Bates, Barbara. "Hard Questions about Easy Books," The High Low Report, Dec. 1979, pp. 1-3.

An editor of hi/lo books for young adults answers questions about evaluation of materials, shelving, and "pap" versus quality books.

Bates, Barbara. "Identifying High Interest/Low Reading Level Books," School Library Journal, Nov. 1977, pp. 19-22.

A very concise article with specific guidelines for evaluating both fiction and non-fiction.

Bayley, Linda. ABE: Guide to Library Materials. Austin, TX: University of Texas at Austin, 1977.

The purpose of this guide is "to show which subject areas will be in the most demand by ABE students and to help adult educators and librarians identify materials that will be of interest and use to under-educated adults." Most of the material falls in the 3-6 grade reading range. Also: some tips on choosing and organizing materials.

Bayley, Linda. Opening Doors for Adult New Readers: How Libraries Can Select Materials and Establish Collections. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1980.

Produced by a reliable publisher of materials for the adult new reader as a give-away at the 1980 American Library Association Annual Conference, this is a good introduction to setting up collections for new readers.

Forinash, Melissa. "Adult Basic Education," Booklist; Jan. 15, Ap. 15, Jl. 15, and Oct. 15 issues; beginning January 15, 1978.

A unique book review column, devoted to materials for the adult with limited reading skills.

Forinash, Melissa. "Materials Selection for ABE Collections," Drexel Library Quarterly, Oct. 1978, pp. 14-32.

A thorough discussion of book selection for adult reluctant and disabled readers by a recognized expert; also describes "the adult new reader."

Forinash, Melissa. Reader Development Bibliography. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1977.

Highly selective, annotated bibliography of materials in the Free Library of Philadelphia's Reader Development Collection, one of the country's oldest and best-known literacy collections. Also available, Supplement, July 1978, Supplement, July, 1979, and 1980 Supplement.

The High Low Report. Vol. 1, No. 1 - , Sept. 1979 - .

"For professionals concerned with literature for teenage and adult nonreaders." Published ten times per year, each issue contains a lead article and about twenty reviews. Published by Riverhouse Publications, 20 Waterside Plaza, New York, NY, 10010.

Hunter, Carman St. John, and David Harman. Adult Illiteracy in the United States. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1979.

An excellent overview researched and written with a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Laubach, Robert S., and Kay Koschnick. Using Readability: Formulas for Easy Adult Materials. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1977.

Thorough explanations of how to apply the Gunning Fog Index and the Fry Readability Graph, as well as some discussion about what factors combine to make one book more readable than another.

Lee, Miriam. "The Reading Trap: One Editor's Approach," The High Low Report, Oct. 1979, pp. 1-2.

Good suggestions for evaluating materials. Includes an interesting discussion of the "traps" into which authors, editors, reviewers, teachers, and librarians (all of whom are skilled readers) can fall when dealing with books for the reluctant and disabled reader - an important distinction which Ms. Lee makes.

Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. Bibliography of Humanistic Reading for Grade Levels 1 - 8. Syracuse, NY: LVA, 1979.

"A listing of titles in the areas of the humanities at reading levels which adult new readers could master." Titles are at reading levels through eighth grade; 23% are below fifth grade level. The bibliography was prepared using titles already in most libraries' "regular" circulating collections, either adult or children's. Produced with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the bibliography was available free while quantities lasted and can be reproduced without permission.

Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. Bibliography of Reading Materials for Basic Reading and English as a Second Language. Syracuse, NY: LVA, 1977.

Although designed primarily for use by Literacy Volunteers of America tutors, this bibliography will be a great help to librarians in identifying materials to evaluate.

Lyman, Helen Huguenor. Library Materials in Service to the Adult New Reader. Chicago: American Library Association, 1973.

The final report of a study done with a grant from the Office of Education at the University of Wisconsin. This is an important publication by an acknowledged expert and pioneer in the field of library service to the adult new reader.

Lyman, Helen Huguenor. "Literacy Education as a Library Community Service," Library Trends, Fall 1979, pp. 193-211.

An examination of "the library's role in the literacy education effort as it has emerged during the period from 1955 to 1980."

Lyman, Helen Huguenor. Reading and the Adult New Reader. Chicago: American Library Association, 1976.

Intended as a stimulant and guide, this detailed volume is particularly valuable as background reading for the librarian interested in the adult new reader. Emphasis is on how beliefs, attitudes, and values affect readers and on the specialized reading interests of certain groups. A standard title in the field.

McCallan, Norma J. "Organizing ABE Materials in Libraries," Drexel Library Quarterly, Oct. 1978, pp. 33-42.

Suggestions for displaying, arranging, classifying, cataloging, and using materials.

Masling, Charles, comp. Interim Bibliographies of Adult Basic Education Materials, Adult Literacy Materials, and Adult Tutor Reference Materials. Houston, TX: Houston Public Library, Nov. 1979.

Particularly helpful in identifying instructional materials for the adult basic education student. Mr. Masling is the Coordinator of Neighborhood Information Centers for the Houston Public Library.

Northcutt, Norvel, et. al. Adult Functional Competency: A Summary. Austin, TX: University of Texas at Austin, 1975.

A summary of the Adult Performance Level Project conducted at the University of Texas with a grant from the Office of Education; the purpose of the project was to "specify the competencies which are functional to economic and educational success in today's society and to develop devices for assessing those competencies of the adult population of the United States." It is much discussed in the literature, and its findings have greatly influenced the course of adult basic education in the U.S.

Olsen, Harry, prep. An Annotated Bibliography of Books and Materials for Adult Basic Education Classes with Deaf Students. Gallaudet College, 1978.

This conveniently arranged and well annotated list is useful for selecting materials for the hearing as well as for the deaf.

Pivot: Newsletter of the Reader Development Program of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Bi-monthly except July and August.

Excellent articles and reviews. This is the newsletter of one of the country's premier library service programs for adults with limited reading skills. Available free upon request: Reader Development Program, The Free Library of Philadelphia, Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA, 19103.

Warner, Hilda, comp. A Selected List of Materials Suitable for Adult Beginning Readers. Washington, DC: The Reading Center, George Washington University, June 1979.

The emphasis of this list of personal favorites is to identify materials that teach and improve reading skills.